

# CHAMPAGNE COLLET

ESPRIT COUTURE 1er Cru MILLESIME 2012



**WINEMAKER:** Sebastien Walasiak  
**REGION:** Aÿ, France  
**VARIETALS:** Chardonnay (60%), Pinot Noir (40%)  
**MATURATION:** Aged seven years in 100-year-old chalk cellars  
**DOSAGE:** 8.0 g/L

**VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING:** Champagne Collet's vineyard sources are in Premier and Grand Cru villages that reflect the diversity of Champagne's terroirs. 60% of the Chardonnay hailed from Grands Crus villages such as Avize, Chouilly and Cramant which contributes to the freshness and elegance of the Esprit Couture. Vinification and ageing of the Chardonnay occurred in champenois oak barrels which allowed the aromas of brioche to fully develop. 40% of Pinot Noir brings structure, softness and tenderness to the wine through iconic Grands Crus such as Aÿ, Mailly- Champagne or Verzy. The wines are aged far beyond the minimum requirement in the winery's 100-year-old chalk cellars resulting in softer wines needing less dosage.

**TASTING NOTES:** Initial notes of butter, grilled hazelnut, cardamon, lime and verbena. With air, apricot, blackcurrant, plum and biscuit notes are revealed as well as hints of nougat, pineapple and toasted bread. The palate is supple, fresh and fruity, sustained by lemon-like acidity. The mid-palate shows a chalky minerality that provides weight and texture. Fruit and mineral matters are finely stitched and the wine has a prolonged finish of rare intensity.

**ABOUT CHAMPAGNE COLLET:** The history of Champagne Collet is inextricably linked to the history of the Champagne region. A founding member of COGEVI, Champagne Collet's history harkens back to the Revolt Champenoise that established Champagne as an appellation. It is located in the heart of Aÿ, one of Champagne's 17 Grand Cru villages and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Since 1921, Champagne Collet has produced elegant and regionally distinctive cuvées from Grand Cru and Premier Cru vineyards. Their wines are centered on gastronomy and capture the artistic and joyful spirit of the Art Deco period.

