

CHAMPAGNE COLLET

BRUT ART DÉCO 1er Cru NV



WINEMAKER:

Sebastien Walasiak

REGION:

Aÿ, France

VARIETALS:

Chardonnay (40%), Pinot Noir (40%), Pinot Meunier (20%)

MATURATION:

A minimum of four 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. Winemaker Sebastien Walasiak uses no more than 10% of the overall vineyard yields, then blends the base wines of the classic Champagne varieties from individual vineyards and several vintages; blending is the ultimate art of Champagne, and the key to maintaining Champagne Collet's incomparable house style. Art Deco is sourced from an exceptional assemblage of 7 Grands Crus and 13 Premiers Crus: Chardonnay is predominantly from Vertus, contributing freshness, tonicity and citrus notes. The Premier Cru of Villers-Marmery contributes Chardonnay's mineral dimension of the limestone terroir along with smoky touches. Pinot Noir contributes richness and power thanks to historic Crus such as Aÿ, Hautvillers and Avenay-Val-d'Or, blended with crus from Rilly-la-Montagne, bringing tenderness and enjoyment. Pinot Meunier from Ville-dommange completes the assemblage with roundness and suppleness. 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: Chardonnay creates elegance and finesse, Pinot Noir adds depth and structure, and Pinot Meunier imparts freshness and rich fruit-driven flavors. On the palate, a creamy feel, tender and unctuous. A first impression of citrus and lime. Notes of juicy pineapple and crisp apple followed by smoky touches and sea salt. A finishing note of honey from a wine of endless charms.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts Wine Spectator, 90 pts/Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast

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.

