

CHAMPAGNE COLLET

GRAND CRU Aÿ 2012 COLLECTION PRIVÉE



WINEMAKER: Sebastien Walasiak
REGION: Aÿ, France
VARIETALS: 100% Pinot Noir classified Grand Cru
MATURATION: Aged 7 years in centuries-old chalk cellars
DOSAGE: 8.0 g/L

VINTAGE: In 2012, Champagne experienced a very cold winter, followed by a very hot summer and August. The harvest produced a moderate volume of high-quality grapes; an excellent vintage thanks to its lovely maturity and a very fruity character.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING: This single-plot and single-varietal Blanc de Noirs vintage wine is made exclusively from Pinot Noir grapes classified 100% Grand Cru, picked and selected in Aÿ in 2012. The selected plot extends over one hectare spread over two lieux-dits; La Côte du Moulin and La Porte aux Brebis. It adjoins the “Museum of Champagne” and overlooks Maison Collet’s cellars. Its south-facing exposure allows it to produce sun-kissed fruit, revealing all the character of the Aÿ Grand Cru Pinot Noir; rich and elegant, soft and powerful. The wine is aged 7 years in the winery’s 100-year-old chalk cellars resulting in softer wines needing less dosage. This is a limited-edition.

TASTING NOTES: Luminous, fluid, pale yellow hue, lively, fine bubbles with a long, lingering bead. Fine and concentrated on the first nose, notes of honeysuckle, blackcurrants, wild strawberries, pears and hazelnuts. Aromas of Mirabelle plum, ripe pineapple, passionfruit, orange, warm butter and sweet almonds. On the palate a lovely supple freshness, animated by soft, creamy bubbles. The aromas are fruity, pulpy, and underpinned by a lemon and orange acidity. Mineral, chalky-clay notes then develop bringing freshness and chewiness, and lengthening the palate to a lush, succulent finish.

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.

