

SELECTED RESERVE EXTRA BRUT

This wine, structured by a majority of Pinot grapes, is typical of the Gardet style. It is solely made out of oakaged wines in the form of a Réserve Perpétuelle, and its unhidden powerful character will please amateurs of complex champagnes.



Two-step maturation

The Selected Reserve cuvée is made out of a very high quality blend which will age very slowly in time. These wines undergo a first maturation in oak barrels using a perpetual reserve method and then in bottle.

- **1.** *Foudres* Those large barrels are made out of oak from l'Allier; their capacity varies between 25 and 40hl and their age goes from 50 to 100 year-old for some. The blend is matured in these barrels for a minimum of 12 months, in the form of a perpetual reserve started in the 1990s, giving it a very slight and slow controlled oxidation.
- **2.** *Bottle* Maturation then continues in bottle for a length of 7 to 9 years before disgorgement. Aromas therefore keep evolving towards more ripe and toasted notes.

Tasting

Optimal serving temperature: 8 to 10°C (46 to 50°F)

Colour Shining deep yellow gold.

Nose Delicate. Clean at first, then notes of wheat, caramel, vanilla and ripe fruits.

Taste Pronounced aromas of fruit jelly, candied fruits (orange), hint of spices (cinnamon, vanilla). Croissant notes; Clean texture, underlying minerality.

Fine cuisine pairings

For a meal. Duck breast fillet, scallop creamy risotto, grilled vegetables and marinated skewers "a la plancha".

Bottling data

Bottling period: June Container types: bottles Initial closure: crown caps

Shipping & cellaring

Final closure (after disgorgement): Traditional cork Post-shipment cellaring: Ready to drink, can be kept in cellar conditions for up to 5 years.

Awards

Wine & Barrel / 2022 / Médaille d'Argent Wine Enthusiast / 2020 / 90 points