

# MILLÉSIME 2015 EXTRA BRUT

This vintage 2015 is modern and bold at the same time. Pinot grapes burst out their mature fruitful aromas, while Chardonnay grapes showcase their minerality and a bright acidity.



# Grapes & Origin

₩₩ Pinot Noir - 70%

Origin: Montagne de Reims (Ludes) Vallée de la Marne (Mareuil-sur-Aÿ, Avenay-Val-d'Or, Hautvillers)

Chardonnay - 30%

Origin: Vallée de la Marne (Hautvillers) Côte des Blancs (Cuis)

Premiers & Grands Crus only

## Fermentations & Ageing

In stainless steel tanks

Alcohol fermentation, malolactic fermentation, Aged for  $8\ months$ 

- + Bottle-aged on lees for around 8 years
- + minimum 3 months after disgorgement before shipping

**Dosage** Extra Brut: 4 g/L From a liquor and beet sugar

## The Vintage

**Weather** A mild, rainy autumn and a normal winter, with no heavy frosts. Rainy April followed by a drought

from mid-May to August. Lots of sunshine, then lots of rain and cool weather from mid-August.

**Harvest** Start: Early, on 3 Sept. at Champagne Gardet.

Conditions: 1st dekad, dry weather followed by a deluge of rain. Characteristics: Excellent health and exceptional ripeness.

**Summary** A warm year punctuated by good rainfall. Grapes of exceptional ripeness: high potential degrees

and measured acidity.

# <u>Tasting</u>

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

**Colour** Golden yellow, with fine, elegant bubbles.

**Nose** The first nose is very tasty, with aromas of white-fleshed fruit (juicy pear and white peach). This is followed by notes of delicate white flowers (jasmine and acacia), and finishes with more subtle aromas of dragees and roasted hazelnuts.

**Taste** The palate is both fresh and creamy. The midpalate is full and delicious. Notes of lemon, brioche and then mineral follow to finish with elegant, lingering citrus zest aromas (lemon).

## Fine cuisine pairings

Cocktail food, canapés, cheese platters (Cheddar, old Cantal, Mimolette); Poached chicken supreme, Langoustine ravioli, Lobster casserole with saffron sauce.

## **Bottling** data

Bottling date: June 2016

Container types: bottles & magnums

Initial closure: crown cap

## Shipping & cellaring

Final cork (after disgorgement): Classic cork

Post-shipment cellaring:

Ready to drink, can be kept in cellar

conditions for up to 5 years.

#### **Award**



Decanter World Wine Awards 2024, **91 Points** Drinks Business—Champagne Master 2024, **Gold** James Suckling 2024, **91 Points**