

# Champagne Laurent Perrier Vintage 2008



## Region

Champagne is north-east France and widely recognised for its prestigious sparkling wine made by traditional method. The vineyards of Champagne are planted in three distinct areas south of the city of Reims. The 'Montagne de Reims' is predominately Pinot Noir, the backbone to the Champagne blend, whilst in the south 'Cote des Blancs' has chalky slopes best suited to Chardonnay, and Pinot Meunier dominates the 'Vallee de la Marne'. The secret of Champagne is in the blend, with choice of variety and vineyards to achieve the 'house style'. Champagne produces a range of styles depending on varieties used and ageing which determine the character of the wine.

## Producer

Laurent Perrier is recognised to be one of the leading Champagne houses and has a long and interesting history. The house was founded in 1812 when it took its name and was later acquired in 1939 by Marie Louse de Nonancourt and her two sons who operated a resistance movement, one son Bernard redefined the business after the war. Their success is derived from following long established traditions and respect for nature. The company remains independent and family owned.

## Tasting Notes

The year 2007 began with an unusually mild winter and was followed by a warm spring. The picking started early in late August with a generous harvest of grapes of great maturity and quality. A golden yellow hue with greenish tinges typical of the chardonnay grape. The palate is very elegant and balances fleshy stone fruit flavours with brioche and creme brulee notes and has a lingering crisp finish full of citrus fruit flavours.

## Food

Serve as an aperitif alongside hors d'oeuvres.

### Technical Information

Country	France
Region	Champagne
Grape(s)	Chardonnay (45%) Pinot Noir (40%) Pinot Meunier (15%)
Type	Sparkling
Style	Fizz
Oaked Style	Unoaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices

Dry/Sweet Style	Bone dry	
Alcohol Content	12%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	Milk:	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian:	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes



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