

Champagne Veuve Clicquot La Grande Dame 2018



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

The house was founded in 1772 by Philippe Clicquot-Muiron, however it was his son's widow, Mme Nicole-Barbe Ponsardin, who established the company as a supplier to the royal courts. The modern-day Maison is known for quality with 390 hectares of which 95% are classified as Grands or Premier Crus. Since its foundation, the Maison of Veuve Clicquot has also established a strong partnership with its fellow winegrowers in Champagne, whose grapes help ensure the consistent quality of Veuve Clicquot wines.

Tasting Notes

The dominant Pinot Noir, with over 50% of the blend, ensures an assertive, powerfully structured champagne true to tradition. It has a fine, lively mousse, pleasant nose of hawthorn flowers, musk and fresh bread, which yields to a harmonious palate of lingering apples and pears

Food

Excellent Champagne to enjoy as an aperitif or at the start of a meal with seafood.

Technical Information

Country	France
Region	Champagne
Grape(s)	Pinot Noir (56%) Chardonnay (28%) Pinot Meunier (16%)
Type	Sparkling
Style	Fizz
Oaked Style	Unoaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	No

Dry/Sweet Style	Bone dry
Alcohol Content	12.5%
Closure Style	Cork
Organic/Biodynamic	No
Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: No Vegan: No



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