Champagne Moet et Chandon Grand Vintage 2016



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 company dates back to 1743, when founder Claude Moet began shipping wines to Paris. Today the house is the largest producer, owning some 1,500 hectares of vines, in the Montagne de Reims, Cote de Blancs and the Vallee de la Marne.The cellars are situated in the heart of Epernay, where there are 28 km of tunnels carved deep into the marble chalk beneath the town, allowing the wines to age and develop in the cool and humid conditions.Moet et Chandon also own Dom Perignon Champagne, named after the monk credited with discovering the `Methode Champenoise`.

Tasting Notes

An equal blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Menuier gives rise to a wine of pale gold, with fresh white fruits, dried fruits and hints of toast. On the palate the wine shows a radiant, ample and fleshy fruitiness, with hints of caramelised citrus fruits.

Food

Serve alongside pan seared scallops, poached salmon or grilled sea bass, chicken in cream or duck liver terrine.

Technical Information

Country	France
Region	Champagne
Grape(s)	
Type	Sparkling
Style	Fizz
Oaked Style	Not Set
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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