

# Millésime 2006 - Grand Cru

Champagne Grand cru,

This is the Champagne for special occasions, to share with a few privileged enthusiasts, the palate clean and free of any other food. Perfect now, it will age beautifully to provide a rich, succulent wine.

## **PRESENTATION**

Picked by hand, with selective screening on the bunch. Half Pinot Noir for its personality, its roundness and the typical terroir character and half Chardonnay for its freshness and particularly its lasting properties. The selection is made as a priority from low-yield vines to achieve an accurate regional quality. Dosage: 6 grams per litre.

## THE VINTAGE

A relatively mild winter and succesive summer temperatures and thunderstorms throughout the flowering to mark finally the dry harvest vintage. We took the rsique to start the harvest while other viticulturists had finish, to reach full maturity. This year is considered "average" for the uninitiated, however with this late picking, it promised a rich and complex wine since birth.

# LOCATION

Grand Cru from terroirs of BOUZY, AMBONNAY et LOUVOIS

Type of bottle							Volume (ml)	item code		Bottle barcode	Case barcode
Champenoise verte allégée							75 cl	EBMIL04		35237000000264	35237000000301
Palette Europe	Units per case	Units per pallet	Layers per pallet	Cases per layers	Btl weight (kg)	Case weight (kg)	Pallet weight (kg)	Btl height (cm)	Btl diamete (cm)	Case dimensions (H*L*P cm)	Pallet dimensions (H*L*P cm)
EPAL	6	480	8	10	1.60 kg	10.23 kg	833 kg	32.5 cm	8.5 cm	33 x 26.5 x 19.5 cm	120 X 80 X 170 cm



#### **TERROIR**

Bouzy is a village of Grande Montagne de Reims, especially of the "Côte des Noirs (Coast of Blacks)" because stronghold of Pinot Noir.

On its slopes, vine grows on soils consist of fragments of millstones, pebbles and sand mixed with clays of decalcification of millstones, resulting of runoff. Silts of the plate cover by a fertile coat the tops of hills, and old alluvium formed of sand, gravel and chalk pebbles.

It is well suited to the Champagne wine. Usually light in color, it provides in the day in favor of the vine a good reflection of the warmth and light. Rather thin, it is conducive to quality

The basement is chalk bélemnites upper Santonian (Campanian) and chalk micrasters Lower Senonian of the Marne.

Deposed by the seas of the end of the Mesozoic era, there was a few hundred million years the chalk of Cretaceous is to 200 meters deep. It absorbs heat and return it. She did the same with water to regulate the absorption by vines that plunges its roots up to 3-4 meters deep.

The climate is generally that of the Paris Basin, with generally mild winters, spring uncertain, hot summers and cool autumns but usually quite beautiful.

## IN THE VINEYARD

Vines grown on the principle of sustainable viticulture, using organic fertilizers, natural weed and other techniques to preserve the best of nature. The old vines are no longer maintained but torn by inter-planting to maintain the diversity of genetic potential.

#### WINEMAKING

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#### **VARIETALS**

Chardonnay 50%, Pinot Noir 50%

12.5% % VOL.

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Production volume: 3 600 bottles Age of vines: > 35 years years old

## **SERVING**

Serving temperature: 12  $^{\circ}$  C - Potential: now to 5 years

# **TASTING**

Aspect: fine bubbles, persistent mousse, bright golden colour. - Bouquet: initially discreet, its finesse expands into

notes, hay and fern, ending with morello cherry. Slightly

honeyed. - Palate: clean, lively attack, well-balanced, with a lingering

taste worthy of the greatest crus.

# **FOOD PAIRINGS**

Fish with cream, fish terrines, raw fish - Shellfishes, grilled shellfish, seafood, shellfish in sauce, shrimps and prawns, cassolette of shellfish, fresh shellfish.

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