

CHAMPAGNE

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Champagne Salon 1985

Salon 1985 : Millennium Miracle !

THE STORY

Salon is made entirely from Chardonnay grapes grown in Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, one of the greatest and most distinctive crus of the Côte des Blancs.

Salon uses grapes from 100% rated vineyards only with vines all over 40 years old and growing on the mid-slopes. Limited yields are responsible for Salon's extraordinary intensity of fruit.

THE VINTAGE

Why was Champagne Salon '85 held until the Millennium ?

This was a vintage that mystified everyone ! Severe winter frosts had destroyed one in ten of every vine in Champagne. Despite the irregular maturity of the clusters at the end of the summer, superb sunny weather in September and October enabled the grapes to swell and ripen in perfect conditions. The beautiful late season even permitted a rare " second harvest " at the end of October. The quality was excellent, producing champagne of remarkable intensity.

Salon 1985 is distinguished by its elegance and great complexity. It is described by Alain Terrier, Salon's oenologist, as : " Bright gold, light and glittering, with aromas of candied fruits, hazelnut, and a touch of vanilla. On the palate, the first impression is of freshness and abundant Chardonnay fruit ; the finish is long and persistent. The wine displays a rarely achieved balance of strength and complexity ".

