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Estate owned by:

7th generation family estate owned by Chantal and Pierre Gonet.

Winemaker: Pierre Gonet

Year Founded:

Family estate since 1830 (Philippe Gonet established in 1937) have been in the wine business.



Farming and Land:

20 hectares (49 acres) of family vineyards found within 8 villages with 35 different parcels on legendary limestone subsoils, rich in sea fossils, up to 130 feet deep.



Production:

3210 Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs: 1,250 cases

Cuvée 'TER' Brut Blanc de Blancs:
1,250 cases

Cuvée 'TER' Noir Brut: 1,250 cases

Grand Cru Millésime (Vintage) Blanc de Blancs:
950 cases (only produced in the best of vintages)



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*Personally selected, hand-harvested wines
from the best family vineyards.*



For seven generations the Gonet family has tended vineyards in the Champagne region and nurtured a cellar founded in 1783 that lies beneath the family home. Here in the Mesnil-sur-Oger, next door to the famous producers of Salon and Krug, the Chardonnay grape reigns supreme. The area is known as the Côte des Blancs in honor of this important grape.

The Gonet wines stand out among their peers with a minimum of 3 years on the lees, well beyond the aging requirement of 15 months for Champagne. The average age of the family estate vines is between 30 and 40 years, with one historical parcel planted in 1929, at the village entrance of Le Mesnil. One third of all of the Gonet family vineyards lie within this coveted land of Le Mesnil, classified as Grand Cru.

The Gonet family continues to strive for improvement in both the vineyards and in the winery with a passionate focus towards sustainability. They are a part of a new group of certified producers under the HVE (High Environmental Value certification, or 'Haute Valeur Environnementale' in French). This new certification requires 3 tiers of progress be achieved before becoming certified, with the focus on renewing biodiversity in the vineyards. This practice is part of the new 'TER' cuvées from the Gonet family.

The prestige of the Champagne region and its influence on sparkling wine throughout the world is undeniable. The trends in the Champagne market are moving towards small-production, family-owned producers, showcasing the unique expressions found within their specific sites. In contrast with the larger, more homogeneous blends from major houses, more and more growers are making their own small-production wines from unique terroirs found throughout Champagne. We think you will find the site-specific terroir driven wines of the Gonet family quite exemplary.