



CHARLES HEIDSIECK



CHAMPAGNE
CHARLES
HEIDSIECK

Maison fondée à Reims en 1851

BLANC DE BLANCS

Blanc de Blancs

Taut, mineral and silky.

HOUSE SAVOIR-FAIRE SERVING A NEW CUVÉE.

Charles Heidsieck was one of the very first Champagne Houses to demonstrate its passion for Chardonnay by producing a Blanc de Blancs in its 1949 vintage. There is also evidence that the Maison had produced some mono-crus from the Côte des Blancs as early as 1906... Through this cuvée, relaunched in 2018, two of the House's areas of expertise come together: the production of great white wines and the art of blending a large selection of wines from different years and terroirs. The considerable challenge is to make opposites coexist: the tautness and the freshness of young chardonnays on the one hand, and the silky "Charles" character on the other.

Tasting

TO THE EYE: pale, crystalline gold with the typical glints of the Chardonnay varietal.

ON THE NOSE: the aromas of mature Chardonnay can be recognised initially: white peach, candied citrus with notes of lime, honeysuckle and fresh hazelnut, giving way to subtle hints of tangerine and lemon.

ON THE PALATE: freshness and tautness mark this typically Charles generosity: the attack is pure and forthright, not aggressive but almost unconventionally suave for a Blanc de Blancs, so often characterised as being sharp rather than creamy. The harmonious finish offers surprising minerality and a slight salinity.

Production

BLEND:

75% of wines of the year : chardonnays from the 2012 harvest

25% of reserve wines with an average age of 5 years

COMPOSITION: majority of crus coming from the Côte des Blancs (Oger, Vertus), completed by Villers-Marmery, Trépail, Vaudemange and Montgueux

AGEING: more than 4 years on the lees

DOSAGE : 10g/l

TO BE ENJOYED: within 7 years

Typiquement Charles

THE SPIRIT OF CHARLES, THE CHARACTER OF A GENTLEMAN.

Gentleman and entrepreneur in the audacious 19th century, Charles Heidsieck was heir to a Champagne fortune, a rebel with an extraordinary thirst for adventure. At age 29, he founded a Champagne House in his image: authentic, distinguished and which stands out among all others. In keeping with this spirit, his grandson Charles-Marcel created a Blanc de Blancs, consolidating the style of a House that manifests itself across all varietals.

100% CHARDONNAY, TAUT AND FULL-BODIED.

GENEROUS AND FULL-BODIED: an aromatic complexity that is the hallmark of Charles Heidsieck wines.

ELEGANT TAUTNESS: the Chardonnays express their freshness with a forthright attack and lively finish.

TEXTURE: a velvety effervescence, thanks to 25% of reserve wines and prolonged ageing in the chalk cellars.