

A Tour of CHAMPAGNE

La Revue de Vin de France only awarded three stars to six Champagne producers, Bollinger, Egly-Ouriet, **Jacquesson**, Krug, Salon and Selosse, and in all of France only fifty-six have obtained this distinction.

Bettane & Dessauve from their Le Grand Guides de Vins de France 2009

"They were in the pursuing pack, yet here they are now at the top of the rank. This year they have made the biggest advances in terms of quality. Unbeatable. This small house run by the Chiquet brothers is quite simply becoming the go-to place for vinous Champagnes."

The JACQUESSON Cuvee No. 733 is made exclusively from Premier and Grand Cru vineyards in the Vallee de la Marne and the Cotes des Blancs.



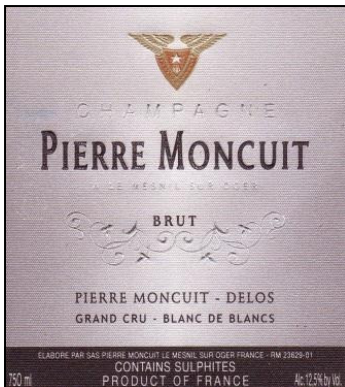
JACQUESSON Brut NV Cuvee No. 733

The 733 is a blend of 52% Chardonnay, 24% Pinot Meunier and 24% Pinot Noir. The base vintage is 2005 78% with reserve wine making up 22% of the blend.

"Each year, the Jacquesson blended non-vintage is identified by a new cuvee number, meaning the vintage basis of the blend and composition has changed. But not the style, which remains firmly dry, full of gravitas and intense quality. The wine has plenty of freshness, but the ripe fruit shows signs of opening out and becoming more complex. Editors Choice."

94 points The Wine Enthusiast, December 2009

The PIERRE MONCUIT Cuvee Pierre Moncuit-Delos is a top Blanc de Blancs (100% Chardonnay), from a top grower in the Grand Cru vineyard of Le Mesnil in the Cotes des Blancs.



PIERRE MONCUIT Brut NV Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru-Le Mesnil

Pierre Moncuit is universally regarded as one of the finest small growers in Le-Mesnil-sur-Oger, one of the finest Grand Cru villages in the Cotes des Blancs. Their vines are very old for the Cotes des Blancs, the average for the Cuvee Pierre Moncuit-Delos is 35-40 years. The wine spends over three years on its lees before being disgorged.

"This is less obviously youthful (than the Hugues de Coulmet) and offers just a bit more aromatic depth as the brioche and floral suffused nose is admirably layered and this depth continue onto the foamy and utterly delicious flavors that possess both excellent complexity and length on the very yeasty finish. Really lovely."

92 points Allen Meadows, Burghound 4th Quarter, 2009

The BARNAUT is top Blanc de Noirs (100% Pinot Noir), from a top grower in the Grand Cru vineyard of Bouzy in the Montagne de Reims.



BARNAUT Brut NV Blanc de Noirs Grand Cru-Bouzy

Barnaut's Blanc de Noirs is made entirely from Bouzy Pinot Noir, arguably the most celebrated Pinot Noir in Champagne for its ripeness and richness.

"blossoms on the palate with an expansive core of perfumed fruit. This finely-textured, silky wine possesses notable clarity and delineation in an understated yet pleasing style. The long clean finish gives this wine a touch more freshness than the Grand Reserve. This is a highly rewarding wine to enjoy over the next few years. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2012"

91 points The Wine Advocate, December 2008

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