



Champagne de Villepin Millésime 2017

Winery: Champagne de Villepin

Category: Wine – Sparkling – White

Grape Variety: 60% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Meunier

Region: Boursault/ Valle de la Marne / Champagne/ France

Vineyard: Estate

Winery established: 1999

Feature: Organic transition



Product Information

Soil: Mostly clay on limestone, with some silt and sand in areas

Elevation: 152 meters (500 feet)

Age of vines: between 15 to 50 years old

Vinification: Hand-harvest. The base wines are vinified individually and aged on fine lees, in vats, for 18 months, before blending. The aging on fine lees of the wines makes it possible to highlight its aromas. The wines are not filtered so that they keep all their material and their complexity, which also gives them a much higher potential of protection and longevity. After cellaring for 3 years and disgorging, the Champagne will be aged for at least 12 months in the cellar.

Tasting Note: This cuvee is has intense aromas of citrus fruits and small dried fruits. 2017 was a difficult vintage but permaculture allowed Bruno to have beautiful wines in a complicated context. A very fragrant and full-bodied vintage.

Producer Information

Tenth generation winemaker of a large Burgundy family, Bruno de Villepin settled in Champagne in 1999 on the family property, purchased by his great-great-grandfather to the Duchess of Uzès, granddaughter of Veuve Clicquot. 2.12 hectares (5.25 acres) of vineyard, composed of 55% of Pinot Meunier, 30% of Chardonnay and 15% of Pinot Noir.

The continuing effort to reduce the environmental footprint of its viticulture practices, a gentle and meticulous oenology, without filtration, and some parceled vinification since 2008, when he set up his winery. He started marketing at the end of 2013 with two vintages, the 2008 vintage and the brut Champagne.

Bruno continues his labor-intensive work in the vineyards, so the vines can grow the best grapes possible, from one year to the next. The quality of the wines depends mainly on what is done in the vineyards, from the plantation, through the size, the trellising and the grape harvest. Bruno has worked towards organic certification over the past few years and will be fully certified in 2024.