

Maison Alain Soutiran

Ambonnay



“Soutiran is a small producer based in Ambonnay who has been bottling his own Champagnes since 1970. At their best, the wines possess impeccable pedigree and tons of class.”

Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate, Issue 186

Grand Cru Brut NV

“I have always loved Soutiran's Champagnes, but I've never seen them looking better than the current crop of releases. The wines are all delicious, but what is most interesting is that they are so individuated--each one is very distinctive, and there's no single house style being stamped onto the different bottlings. As a case in point, this basic brut is a complex, structured wine that is much more bracing and restrained than the (somewhat, um, slutty) Blanc de Blancs (which I also loved). The yeast notes are notable but proportionate to the fruit and mineral nuances, and though the wine is still a little tight aromatically and in flavor, it is already very enjoyable. Yes, this is priced a bit above the entry level brut wines of the big houses, but it is also much more interesting than most of them, and really capable of five years of improvement if you've got good cellaring facilities.”

90 points- Michael Franz, winereviewonline.com (November, 2008)

Grand Cru Brut Blanc de Blancs NV

“The Brut Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs Chardonnay is a rich, weighty Champagne bursting with generous fruit. A creamy, expansive wine, the Brut Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs Chardonnay blossoms on the palate with a broad, generous expression of Chardonnay fruit. A long, persistent finish rounds out this bold, utterly delicious wine that captures the essence of the large-scaled weighty wines of Ambonnay.”

92 points- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate, Issue 186

The following have also reviewed this wine:

92 points- Michael Franz, winereviewonline.com (November, 2008)

92 points- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, Issue 36 (4th quarter, 2009)

Grand Cru Brut Champagne Perle Noire

“A beautifully complex and highly expressive nose that is notably well perfumed features red berry and sandalwood hints that carry over to the intensely effervescent flavors that are as complex as the nose with a tangy, delicious and quite dry finish...”

91 points- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, Issue 36 (4th quarter, 2009)

The following have also reviewed this wine:

90 points- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate, Issue 186

91 points- Bruce Sanderson, The Wine Spectator (December, 2005)

92 points- The Wine Enthusiast Buying Guide (December 1, 2009)

Grand Cru Brut Champagne Rosé

“Soutiran produces very expressive, full-bodied Champagnes, and this is the richest and most fruity of the lot. Broad, soft texture magnifies the sense of richness, as do deep flavors and a relatively muted toastiness, which keeps the fruit in the forefront. These sensations seem to presage a rather chunky, obvious Champagne, but energetic acidity and persistent effervescence lift and focus the wine's finish in a way that helps it leave a balanced and sophisticated impression. Delicious on its own but also capable of standing up to serious food (including white meats), this is a must-try wine for rosé lovers.”

92 points- Michael Franz, winereviewonline.com (April 21, 2009)

The following have also reviewed this wine:

91 points- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate, Issue 186

91 points- Bruce Sanderson, The Wine Spectator (December, 2005)

92 points- Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (December, 2009)

Grand Cru Brut Millésimé 2002

“A rich and dramatic wine, this is a Champagne that makes an indelible impression. The aromas are quite expressive and the effervescence is energetic and yet soft in texture. Yet the real dramatics show up in the form of very deep flavors that prove very lasting on the finish, which is symmetrical and, ultimately, clean and lifted rather than ponderous or sweet, which is very impressive for a wine of this size.”

93 points- Michael Franz, winereviewonline.com (November, 2008)

The following have also reviewed this wine:

92 points- Josh Raynolds, International Wine Cellar, Issue 141

94 points- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, Issue 36 (4th quarter, 2009)