

# Champagne Lilbert-Fils Cramant



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*This winemaker of great tradition has long been the reference point for grand cru Cramant.*

-Bettane & Desseauve

*Lilbert is one of the best-kept secrets in Champagne.*

-Michael Franz, winereviewonline.com, December 2017

*Lilbert makes classic Côte des Blancs champagnes of great purity, finesse and expression. They emphasize a brisk raciness and intensely chalky minerality, and while both the Perle and the vintage wine demonstrate the intensity and complex depth of old-vine chardonnay, they are focused much more on elegance and harmony than on power. The only problem with these wines is finding them, as the tiny production is eagerly snapped up upon release by a near-cult following of clientele around the world.*

-Peter Liem, Champagne Guide 2014

## Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs NV

*Lilbert-Fils NV Blanc de Blancs [based on 2015] is showing beautifully out of the blocks, wafting from the glass in a blend of pear, almond, apple, chalky minerality, a hint of brioche, crème patissière and a topnote of white flowers. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and brisk, with an excellent core of fruit, fine mineral drive, elegant mousse and a long, nascently complex and very promising finish.*

**91+ points**-John Gilman, A View from the Cellar #81, May-June 2019

The following have also reviewed this wine:

- 91 points- Allen Meadows, Burghound #72, October 2018
- 90 points- Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media, November 2018
- 92 points- The Wine Spectator, November 2018
- 90 points- John Gilman, View from the Cellar #76, July-August 2018
- 92 points- Alison Napjus, The Wine Spectator, November 15, 2017
- 92 points- Allen Meadows, Burghound #67, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017
- 91 points- John Gilman, View from the Cellar #69, May-June 2017
- 90+ points- John Gilman, View from the Cellar #65, September-October 2016
- 91 points- Allen Meadows, Burghound #64, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016
- 93 points- Alison Napjus, The Wine Spectator, Web, October 2015
- 92 points- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, January 2015
- 92 points- Alison Napjus, The Wine Spectator, November 30, 2014
- 93 points- Wayne Belding, winereviewonline.com, September 16, 2014
- 91 points- Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, December 2013
- 91 points- Alison Napjus, The Wine Spectator, Web 2013
- 94 points- Michael Franz, winereviewonline.com, May 1, 2012
- 91+ points- John Gilman, View from the Cellar, #34, July-August 2011
- 91 points- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, #36, 4th quarter, 2009
- 91 points- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate, #192

## Blanc de Blancs “Perle” NV

*The early returns are that this [base 45% each '14 & '15] is going to be one of the best examples of Perle in recent memory, as the wine is already beautifully expressive on the nose, wafting from the glass in a complex blend of golden delicious apple, pear, almond custard, limestone minerality, a touch of brioche and incipient smokiness in the upper register. On the palate the wine is crisp, full-bodied and still fairly primary in personality, with lovely depth at the core, very, very elegant, frothy mousse, lovely focus and grip and a long, promising and very classy finish.*

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- 94 points- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, 1st quarter, 2013

## Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Cramant 2013

*The 2013 Libbert-Fils Blanc de Blancs Brut Millésime hails entirely from the family vineyard parcels in Cramant. It was disgorged in December of 2018 and finished with a dosage of three grams per liter. This is still quite a young wine and needs some bottle age to properly blossom, but it shows fine potential in its aromatic constellation of apple, pear, chalky soil tones, bread dough and spring flowers. On the palate the wine is crisp, full-bodied and tightly-knit out of the blocks, with a good core, frothy mousse and a long, minerally and still quite youthful finish. Have patience, as this bottle will be very good in due course. 2024-2055.*

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