

Champagne Lancelot Pienne

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“Table Ronde” Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Extra Brut NV

Lancelot-Pienne is a completely new estate to me, but when the importer also carries Jacquesson and Jean-Marque Sélèque in their portfolio, you have pretty high expectations! Gilles Lancelot is the current winegrower and proprietor at the estate, having taken over from his father in 2005. His Extra Brut bottling of non-vintage Blanc de Blancs hails entirely from their grand cru vineyards in the villages of Cramant, Avize and Chouilly. The wine is from the base year of 2014, with twenty percent reserve wines from the domaine’s perpetual solera. It was finished with a dosage of 3.5 grams per liter. The wine offers up an excellent bouquet of delicious apple, pear, almond, limestone minerality, bread dough and a gently smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is pure, minerally and full-bodied, with a rock solid core of fruit, refined mousse, fine focus and grip and a long, very well-balanced and still fairly youthful finish. This has the structural chassis to really age beautifully! 2019-2045+

92 points—John Gilman, A View from the Cellar, May-June 2019

“Instant Présent” Blanc de Blancs Brut NV

The new release of “Instant Présent” non-vintage Blanc de Blancs from Lancelot-Pienne is from the base year of 2015, with twenty percent of the blend consisting of reserve wines from their solera. The wine includes some production from vineyards around Épernay which are not ranked grand cru, though most of the cuvée is from the family’s vines in their grand cru holdings in the Côte de Blancs. I do not have the exact details on dosage for this cuvée, but I would guess around six grams, as it is certainly not overly dosé. The bouquet is lovely, with the contribution of the vineyards from just south of Épernay giving the wine a quite different chalkiness to its soil component (far less overtly mineral than the Table Ronde), to play off lovely notes of pear, a lovely touch of almond, brioche, spring flowers and plenty of smokiness in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, complex and more open in personality out of the blocks than the Extra Brut, with a good core, fine soil signature, frothy mousse and lovely length and grip on the classy finish. This is very good as well! 2019-2040+.

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“Accord Majeur” Brut NV

Lancelot-Pienne’s non-vintage Brut bottling of “Accord Majeur” is composed from a cépages of seventy percent pinot meunier, twenty percent chardonnay and ten percent pinot noir. It is aged four years sur latte prior to disgorgement and is still from the base year of 2012, again, with twenty percent of the blend composed of reserve wines. The bouquet is starting to show some lovely evolution in its constellation of white peach, apple, meunier floral tones, brioche, a beautiful base of soil tones, dried flowers and a whisper of upper register nuttiness. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and nicely deep at the core, with elegant mousse, fine focus and grip and a long, complex finish. This is very refined in personality and nicely light on its feet, yet with fine intensity of flavor. 2019-2040.

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