## Champagne Pierre Moncuit Le Mesnil-sur-Oger



## **Delos Grand Cru NV**

Nicole Moncuit's Blanc de Blancs bottlings she labels as "Pierre Moncuit Delos" is made entirely from the family's vineyards in Mesnil-sur-Oger, with the vines more than thirty years of age and the vins clairs going through full malolactic fermentation. The new release is entirely from the 2019 vintage, was raised in stainless steel and aged three years sur latte prior to its disgorgement in February of 2023. The finishing dosage is 3.5 grams per liter. The wine offers up a lovely nose of pear, apple, almond, chalky minerality, brioche and a topnote of white flowers. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and complex, with a good core of fruit, lovely chalky undertow, a fine spine of acidity, frothy mousse and a long, youthful and elegant finish. Good juice that is tasty out of the blocks, but will be even better with a few years' worth of bottle age.

91+ pts- John Gilman, View from the Cellar, July-August 2023

The NV (2017) Brut Blanc de Blancs Delos Grand Cru is effusive, bright and focused. The added dosage in the Brut version versus the Extra Brut lends texture and resonance while enhancing all the orchard fruit, citrus and floral flavors. Ample and broad, with notable depth, the Brut is a pure and total delight. Disgorged: May, 2021.

93 pts- Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media, November 2021

## **Delos Grand Cru Extra Brut NV**

The NV (2017) Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs Delos Grand Cru is a dry, bracing wine that brings out an especially deep, yet taut expression of Mesnil. In my view, the Extra Brut style yields a Blanc de Blanc a bit stark, and yet all the elements fall into place gracefully. Crushed rocks, lemon peel, white pepper and floral notes give this potent, explosive Champagne tons of character. This is a terrific edition of the Delos.

92 pts- Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media, November 2020

The following has also reviewed this wine:

92 pts- The Wine Spectator, December 2020 90 pts- Wine & Spirits, December 2020

