

Champagne Barnaut

Bouzy



Grande Réserve Brut Grand Cru NV

With its ripe Pinot Noir and immediately attractive richness, this Champagne is delicious. It has density as well as rich berry flavors and a touch of maturity that has smoothed wine. Drink now.

93 pts-Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, December 2023

67% Pinot Noir, 33% Chardonnay, organically farmed (cover crops, no chemicals). 35-year-old vines. 95% Bouzy. Hand-picked. 10 months in tanks on lees, six years sur lattes. Wine comes from their perpetual solera of reserve wines. Full malo. Gauillaume is the 6th generation and this was the cuvée they started with in 1874 ('there is half of a bubble of 1874 wine in here').

Praline nose. Round on the nose and the mid palate but the attack is direct, focused, framed by ripe lemon acidity. Liquorice, rye and caraway breadth. Lovely balance. The kind of wine you can breathe easy with—there isn't a notch of stress or tension in this glass.

16/20 pts-Tamlyn Currin, jancisrobinson.com, June 2023

Philippe Secondé's non-vintage bottling of Grande Réserve is composed from its customary blend of two-thirds pinot noir and one-third chardonnay. The wine is from the base year of 2017, with the reserve wines in the blend hailing from the perpetual cuvée started by the family fully five generations ago! The vins clairs are aged in stainless steel and undergo full malolactic fermentation and the wine was finished with a dosage of six grams per liter. The wine delivers a beautifully refined and complex aromatic constellation of apple, nectarine, a gorgeously complex base of soil tones, fresh-baked bread and a discreetly floral topnote that hints at lavender. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and complex, with a good core, elegant mousse and a long, well-balanced and nicely mature finish. The large percentage of reserve wines from the domaine's solera gives this excellent drinkability right out of the blocks.

91 pts-John Gilman, A View from the Cellar, January-February 2023