

ARIEL ARCE

BETTER WITH BUBBLES

AN EFFERVESCENT EDUCATION IN CHAMPAGNES & SPARKLING WINES





GOOD CHAMPAGNE COSTS GOOD MONEY, BUT SOMETIMES THAT SCARES PEOPLE AWAY FROM TRYING SOME REALLY GREAT STUFF. SO TO MAKE IT LESS SCARY, I AM GOING TO RATE EACH BOTTLE WITH HOW MANY PIZZAS IT WOULD COST. (BECAUSE YOU KNOW I LOVE PIZZA.) GUESSTIMATING \$25 PER PIZZA.

THE OG ORIGINALS NOW LEADING THE CHARGE

These are the winemakers at the forefront of the Grower Champagne “movement.” I air-quotes movement because the tides were turning long before the wines ever got much recognition. They were first to the US market and almost all of them make wine for multi-generational wineries. The vineyards have been passed down through the family and the current winemakers really took it upon themselves to question why and how their families had made Champagne before them. Some continue the traditions but with a more thoughtful approach, others have changed style, technique, and practices. Respect and obsession has only grown for these wines, making them some of the most sought after in the world.



Pierre Péters
Rodolphe Péters
Les Chétilons
Blanc de Blanc: Chardonnay
Les Mesnil sur Oger
Coffee ice cream
★★★★

René Geoffroy
Jean-Baptiste Geoffroy
Blanc de Rosé
Blend: Pinot Noir + Chardonnay
Ay
Strawberry rhubarb pie
★★★★

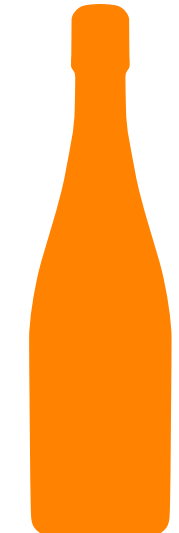
Georges Laval
Vincent Laval
Premier Cru Brut Nature Cumières
Blend: Pinot Noir + Chardonnay + Pinot Meunier
Cumières
Powdered raspberry candy
★★ 1/2



Pascal Doquet
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Arpege
Blanc de Blanc: 100% Chardonnay
Vertus
Green apple galette
★★

Gaston Chiquet
Antoine, Nicolas, and Marion Chiquet
Tradition Premier Cru
Blend: Pinot Meunier + Chardonnay + Pinot Noir
Dizy
Quince jam
★★ 1/2

Gimmonet
Didier Gimmonet
Special Club 2012
Blanc de Blanc
Cuis
Flat white coffee
★★★★



Egly-Ouriet
Francis Egly
Vieilles Vignes de Vrigny
Blanc de Noir: 100% Pinot Meunier
Ambonnay
Dried Plums
★★ 1/2

Benoît Lahaye
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Rosé de Maceration
Blanc de Noir: Pinot Noir
Bouzy
Chocolate covered cherries
★★

Vazart Coquart
Jean-Pierre Vazart
Special Club 2010
Blanc de Blanc
Chouilly
Honeycomb
★★★★

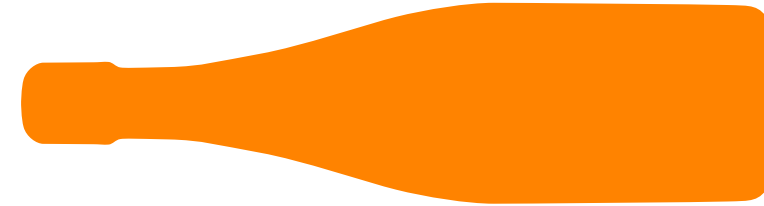
THE NEW GEN

Here's a curated selection of the winemakers making waves, young guys pushing the limits of Champagne with a deep understanding of terroir. Each of

these winemakers work a portion of their family's land, which has been passed down through generations. Some of them didn't think they would become

vignerons and yet it was their calling. Others knew becoming a winemaker was always in their blood.

Dhondt-Grellet
Adrien Dhondt
Cramant 100% from the Grand Cru Village
Blanc de Blanc: 100% Chardonnay
Flavigny
Iced Coffee with Cream
🍷🍷 1/2



Suenen
Aurelien Suenen
C+C
Blanc de Blanc: 100% Chardonnay
Cramant
Honeysuckle
🍷🍷

Domaine Nowack
Flavien Nowack
La Fontinette
Blanc de Noir: 100% Pinot Meunier
Vandières
Fuji apple
🍷🍷 1/2



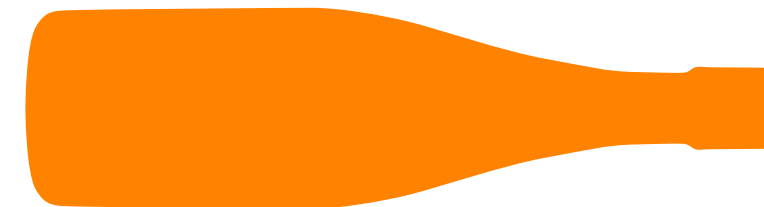
Doyard
Oeil de Perdrix
Pedrix Style: Chardonnay + Pinot Noir
Vertus
Potpourri
🍷🍷

Guillaume Selo
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Largillier
Blanc de Noir: 100% Pinot Noir
Côte des Bar
Crunch Bar of flowers and sherry
🍷 x 16



Mouzon Leroux
Sébastien Mouzon
L'Atavique
Blended Pinot Noir + Chardonnay
Verzy
Fresh cherries
🍷

Pierre Gerbais
Aurélien Gerbais
L'Originale
Blanc de Blanc: 100% Pinot Blanc
Celles-sur-Orce
Fresh chevre
🍷🍷 1/2



JM Sélèque
Jean-Marc Sélèque
Solescence Rosé
Blended saignée + still red wine: Pinot Noir +
Chardonnay + Pinot Meunier
Piery
Raspberry tart
🍷 1/2

VIGNERONS

THE WINEMAKERS' WINEMAKERS

These are serious winemakers. They have been in the game long enough to produce some of the most exciting yet consistent wines that people show off

on social media, save for special occasions, and age in cellars. These wines are often made in small production, and definitely give credibility to the drinker if

named-dropped. And they are as much about the cellar as the vineyard—a lot of the magic happens after the grapes are harvested.

Vilmart et Cie

Laurent Champs
Grand Cellier
Blended: Chardonnay + Pinot Noir
Rilly-la-Montagne
Candied ginger
🍷🍷



Agrapart & Fils

Pascal Agrapart
Mineral
Blanc de Blanc: 100% Chardonnay
Avize
Apple pie
🍷🍷 1/2



Ulysse Collin

Olivier Collin
Les Perriades
Blanc de Blanc: 100% Chardonnay
Congy
Hazelnut pie
🍷🍷



R. Pouillon

Fabrice Pouillon
Les Valnons
Blanc de Blanc
Ay
Chai Tea
🍷🍷 1/2



Jérôme Prévost —

Champagne La Closerie
Jérôme Prévost
Les Béguines Extra Brut
Blanc de Noir: 100% Pinot Meunier
Gueux
Blackberry bramble
🍷🍷🍷



Chartogne-Taillet

Alexandre Chartogne
Orizeaux
Blanc de Noir: 100% Pinot Noir
Merfy
Spicy French vanilla
🍷🍷🍷



Roses de Jeanne

Cédric Bouchard
Les Ursules
Blanc de Noir: 100% Pinot Noir
Celles-sur-Ource
Toasted cashews
🍷🍷🍷



Emmanuel Brochet

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Mont Benoît Lieu-Dit
Blend: Chardonnay + Pinot Noir+ Pinot Meunier
Villers-aux- Nœuds
Sweet cream
🍷🍷



Eric Rodez

Eric Rodez
Rosé
Blended Rosé: Chardonnay + Pinot Noir
Ambonnay
Roasted raspberries
🍷🍷 1/2



Savart

Frederic Savart
L'Ouverture
Blanc de Noir: 100% Pinot Noir
Écueil
Blueberry yoghurt
🍷🍷 1/2



MAISONS I LOVE

I am all about equal opportunity and you cannot fully grasp grower Champagne if you don't taste foundational and historical Maison wines. For the money and the quality

these are some of my absolute favorites. Incredible winemaking happens here with generational relationships with farmers who grow their grapes.



Bollinger
R.D. Extra Brut
(Note "R.D." refers to récemment dégorgé, which means "disgorged late," or "extended aging."
Another term for this is dégorgement tardif.)
Blend: Pinot Noir + Chardonnay
Ay
Ferrero Rocher
🍷 x 26



Gosset
Celebris
Blend: Pinot Noir + Chardonnay
Épernay
Blackberry cream
🍷 x 4



Philipponnat
Clos de Goisses
Blend: Pinot Noir + Chardonnay
Mareuil-sur-Ay
🍷 x 8



Jacquesson
737 Dégorgement Tardif
Blend: Pinot Noir + Chardonnay
Dizy
Sandalwood
🍷 x 10



Henriot
Cuvée des Enchanteleurs
Blend: Pinot Noir + Chardonnay
Reims
Buttered popcorn
🍷 x 7



Pol Roger
Winston Churchill 2002
Blend: Pinot Noir + Chardonnay
Épernay
Iced Latte
🍷 x 10



CHAMPAGNE
Vilmart & Co
CUVÉE RUBIS
PREMIER CRU
à Reilly la Montagne