

CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER

Known around the world for powerful, polished Champagnes that are among the greatest of both Non-Vintage and Vintage Champagnes produced, any of the fundamentals to their approach and production would be special, but when taken altogether are utterly unique.



La Grande Année Rosé 2015

Champagne, France

ESTATE

Bollinger is an icon in Champagne, all the more remarkable because its reputation rests entirely on the quality of its extraordinarily distinct Champagnes. Very simply, Bollinger is the outlier. The rigorous, obsessive attention to detail and preservation of artisanal, almost absurdly labor-intensive practices, makes Bollinger both a guardian of the past and, as we see with each passing year, the beacon of the future.

WINE

Lily Bollinger agreed to a Bollinger rosé under one condition, it had to be extraordinary, and that is how La Grande Année Rosé was born: the subtle blend between a great vintage Champagne and a red wine from a unique plot, the legendary Côte aux Enfants.

VINEYARD

The fruit is sourced from 11 different Crus — the majority of the Pinot Noir comes from Aÿ, Mareuil-sur Aÿ and Verzenay, and the Chardonnay from Chouilly and Avize. 4.5% Pinot Noir from La Côte Aux Enfants
Farming: Sustainable wine growing by grassing over the ground, using biological pest control, reducing the use of herbicides, recycling pruning waste and planting hedges and orchards to encourage biodiversity.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 62% Pinot Noir, 38% Chardonnay

Fermentation: All wine is vinified in small neutral barrique. Bollinger is the only remaining Champagne producer with a cooper on staff who repairs in excess of 300 barrels per year.

Aging: Cellar aged for more than twice the time required by the appellation. Second fermentation takes place for more than 8 years on the lees in bottles with natural corks. Riddling and disgorging are performed entirely by hand.

Dosage: 7 g/L

Alcohol: 12%

VINTAGE

After steady rainfall early in the summer, warm, dry temperatures prevailed in August and September. During harvest, temperatures cooled, yielding grapes with perfectly preserved acidity and ripeness. The fruit harvested had exemplary structure, with especially outstanding Pinot Noir across the region.

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

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"Offering up deep aromas of orchard fruits, blood orange, mandarin rind and peach mingled with nuances of coffee, praline and fino sherry, it's medium to full-bodied, pillowy and layered, with a broad attack that segues into a vinous palate framed by high levels of structuring dry extract that makes its presence felt on the rapid, nutty and penetrating finish." -W.K. 3/23

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