



CRISTAL 2018

PRODUCTION

ORIGINS

1/3 our "la Rivière" estate
1/3 our "la Montagne" estate
1/3 our "la Côte" estate

MAIN CRUS

Verzenay, Verzy, Beaumont-sur-Vesle,
Ay, Avize, Mesnil-sur-Oger, Cramant

57 PLOTS!

In addition to the estate's 45 plots over 25 years old, the blend exceptionally includes the four Blanc de Blancs plots and eight plots aged between 20 and 25 years.

GRAPE VARIETIES

57% Pinot noir
43% Chardonnay

100% ORGANIC VITICULTURE

WINE IN OAK

28%

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

0%

DOSAGE

7 G/L

VINTAGE

2018 was a very hot and dry year, but also generous and... very healthy. After an unusually wet winter, the spring was mild and stormy. The summer was particularly hot, dry, and sunny, breaking even the records set in 2003. The harvest was abundant, and the grapes were in near-perfect condition, giving us lovely, elegant, fruity wines.

Harvest from 27 August to 8 September 2018.

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TASTING NOTES

Bright colour with amber-yellow highlights. A steady stream of slow-moving, fine bubbles.

An intense, concentrated bouquet of fresh yellow fruit (nectarine), citrus (citron) and floral notes (pollen, orange blossom), interwoven with subtle smoky notes and hints of vanilla. The Chardonnay takes the lead, exuding a chalky freshness and a confident energy. Soft hints of cedar and menthol, bergamot and white chocolate also add to the sensation of freshness.

On the palate, it is the Pinot that takes the lead – concentrated and wonderfully enveloping, with a viscosity balanced by a fine-grained tannic structure. The bubbles are perfectly incorporated into the wine's juicy, enveloping body. The white soils show through on the mid-palate, bringing a saline note (oyster shells) that creates a delicious umami character and a mouthwatering finish.

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CRISTAL

“Beyond champagne, Cristal is an emotion:
it reveals the morning purity of a white soil,
under a luminous and eternal sky.”

JEAN-BAPTISTE LÉCAILLON,
Cellar Master

Born of a dual brilliance - an exceptional chalk terroir and an imperial commission - Cristal is a champagne like no other. Created in 1876 at the special request of Tsar Alexander II, this iconic cuvée is the flagship of the Louis Roederer Champagne House. It is produced only in years when the grapes reach perfect maturity. For each vintage, only the year’s finest Pinots and Chardonnays are selected from 45 plots of vines averaging over 20 years of age.

This bright, powdery, chalky Champagne is shaped by time and born of an haute couture, artisanal approach to viticulture. Cristal is the ultimate drinking experience, crafted to reveal itself gradually over time, growing ever more glorious with each passing year and gaining in depth, finesse and aromatic complexity.

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THE CRISTAL VINEYARDS

