



Paul Lebrun, Blanc De Blancs Brut Nature, Aline La Nature, Champagne, France

Producer Profile

Nathalie Vignier only makes Blanc-de-Blancs Champagne, but not any old Blanc-de-Blancs. As co-owner and winemaker at Champagne Paul Lebrun, she is fortunate to own some of the best Chardonnay terroir in Champagne.

Nathalie, is the sixth generation of her family to make wine in Cramant (although her family's ties to Champagne date as far back as the 16th century). Her grandfather, Paul Lebrun, was one of the first vigneron to break away from the big négociants after the Great War and established his own brand, Champagne Paul Lebrun, in 1931. Nathalie is all about terroir. Together with her brother, she owns 16.5 hectares distributed across the Côte des Blancs and the Côte de Sézanne, including 3 Grand Cru and 2 Premier Cru villages. The jewel in the crown is Cramant, which was one of the first villages of the Côte des Blancs to be classified Grand Cru. The chalky clay soils of Cramant give richness and power to the wines. By contrast, the Côte de Sézanne (in reality an extension of the Côte des Blancs but more often referred to as one of the 5 sub-regions of Champagne) is dominated by chalk and marl. Its more southerly location and heavier soils give riper and more fragrantly fruity wines. The soil is made up of silex stones, which collect the heat of the sun during the day, redistributing it to the vines at night. Nathalie is also about family. Her aim is to preserve and improve upon her family's legacy in order to hand over in turn to her son Joseph. This is reflected in the range of Hérédis-Terres wines, which celebrates key winemaking figures in her family.



Viticulture

100% Côteaux du Sézannais fruit, made by blending the grapes from the Sézannais, Vindey, Saudoy, and Barbonne-Fayel vineyards. The Sézanne terroir features a combination of clay, limestone, and marl soils, imparting complexity and richness to the wines. Vindey is composed of clay and limestone soils which provide a balance between fruit and structure in the wines. Saudoy is primarily composed of clay and limestone, the soils in this region contribute to the depth and power found in the wines. Barbonne-Fayel is known for its chalky soils that lend a distinct minerality to the wines.

Winemaking

Vinification is carried out in stainless steel tanks. Ageing on lees for 4 years before disgorgement, cold stabilised and bottled without dosage.

Tasting Note

Incredibly fine and intense, with notable apple, pear and quince notes as well as peach and apricot. Dry, but not as you would expect from a Brut Nature, with a creamy mid palate and lively bubbles. The finish is a medley of ripe citrus, salted almond and stone fruit.

Food Matching

Perfect with crab, lobster or ceviche scallops, or terrine.

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Technical Details

Varieties:

Chardonnay 100%



ABV: 12.5%

Closure: Natural cork

Colour: White

Style: Champagne

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

Oak Ageing

No oak ageing

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