

# Brut Premier Cru

#### BIENDING

- · 35% Pinot Noir, 35% Meunier, 30% Chardonnay
- 40% of reserve wines (perpetual blending) from the preceding harvests

#### **TERROIR**

The assemblage involves about 35 vine plots over the villages of Chamery, Vrigny and Coulommes-la-Montagne, in the western part of the Montagne de Reims.

- · Age average of the vines: 35 years old
- Various type of soil: siliceous and calcareous sands, silty/ clay soil on chalky subsoil, and calcareous clay soil with millstone fragments

## **VINIFICATION**

- · Hand picking and pressing of the grapes within 4 hours
- First fermentation in various containers: inox tank (75%), concrete tank (20%), oak barrel (5%)
- Aging on lies of 7 months before blending with the reserve wine
- · Malolactic Fermentation partially done
- No filtration, minimal use of sulfites (under 40 mg/L)
- · Aging in bottle of 4 years
- · Dosage: 8 to 10 g/l, traditional liqueur

## WINE CHARACTERISTICS

Full bodied and aromatically intense, our signature cuvee draws its identity from the calcareous clay and sandy terroirs of the "petite montagne".

On the nose, white fruits and citrus melt with candied notes, ripe Mirabelle and nutty aromas.

Freshness in the attack, vinosity and structure for the midpalate, tenderness on the ending.

## PAIRING

Escargots in chives cream, an apple and chaource turnover or a monkfish in papillote.

