

HAND PICKED SELECTIONS

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Character Counts!

TECHNICAL NOTES

JEAN LAURENT

JEAN LAURENT NV BRUT ROSÉ

Gold. Light. Eternal. Ephemeral. These describe the wines of Jean Laurent. Jean's family has been growing wine in the village of Celles-sur-Ource for more than 1,000 years. The estate is situated in the Aube, an outlying Champagne district south of Marne that shares the same chalky soils as the heart of Champagne and Chablis.

VINEYARDS

39 acres total; 30 Pinot Noir, 9 Chardonnay, no Pinot Meunier. Vines average 20 years in age, with the oldest parcel 50+ years old.

As a RM ("Recoltant Manipulant" – the French term for Grower's Champagne), Jean makes Champagnes exclusively from his own vineyards. Many consumers have begun to favor Grower's Champagne over the Grande Marques labels, which often offer high quality and a true house style, but little in the way of the expression of terroir, as the basic bruts are often blended from a wide range of Champagne districts. Jean Laurent is a prime example of how deeply traditional winemaking, estate-grown fruit, small batch vinification, and a fanatical devotion to quality can result in distinctive Champagnes of individuality and character.

APPELLATION

Champagne.

COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir.

VITICULTURE

Yields of 5 tons/acre.

VINIFICATION

Produced from 100% Pinot Noir from 3 vintages, aged a minimum of 3 years on the yeast, and blended with a touch of still (Pinot Noir) red wine.

ALCOHOL

12%

TASTING NOTES

An assertive rosé, with a pale red color and fine bead. Spicy cherry, dark fruit and leather aromas on the nose, with a firm texture on the palate.

SERVE WITH

Excellent with game or rich meats such as duck, it can stand up to richly sauced dishes.

ACCOLADES

91 pts – The Wine Spectator, 11/15/12.

91 pts, "...intense, beautifully balanced..."

an impressive wine... – The Wine Advocate, 12/10.

91 pts, "...graceful power..." – Wine & Spirits, 12/10.



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