

Champagne Goutorbe-Bouillot Le Ru des Charmes Brut Rose

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: France

REGION: Champagne

APPELLATION: Epernay

CEPAGE: 60% Pinot Meunier, 20% Pinot Noir, 20% Chardonnay

WINEMAKING: 6 to 8% of Pinot Meunier red wine blended in to the white base. No malolactic fermentation. 7g/l dosage

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 12.0%

AGING: 36 months of bottle fermentation on the lees.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 245 cases

THE STORY

The union between Jules Goutorbe and Louise Bouillot was the origin of the creation of Champagne GOUTORBE-BOUILLLOT. Starting in 1775 the families had been involved in the Champagne business and had been selling their wines to the large Champagne houses. Today the estate is owned by the Papeux family, and Bastien, the great grandson of Jules and Louise, makes the wine and manages the business.

PHILOSOPHY: Goutorbe-Bouillot Champagnes are produced by a method similar to the Solera system. Each year they use 50% of this reserve wine in the blend. This means that the wine contains some of all the earlier vintages in decreasing proportions. This perpetual reserve was started in 1980 for the Carte d'Or and in 2000 for the other non-vintage cuvees.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Round & elegant

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Black & red fruit, dried aromatic herbs & warm spices

MOUTHFEEL: Delicate perlage & voluptuous finish

THE SELLING POINTS

Family owned grower Champagne

AWARDS: 92pts Jeb Dunnuck, 91pts Robert Parker

SUSTAINABILITY: Certified Sustainable, Vegan, Green Practicing

