

Labruyère (2013) "Page Blanche" Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut

WineWise Code	KLB-PBNV6
Country	France
Region	Champagne
Subregion	Montagne de reims
Color	Sparkling
Alcohol by Volume	12.5
Acidity	4.55
Residual Sugar	0.6
Dosage	2.4
Years in Blend	2013
Bottling Date	02 April 2014
Disgorgement Date	23 November 2017
Annual cases produced	3000 bottles
Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Maceration Notes	Direct Press
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	12 days
Aging method	Used Barrique 10%, Stainless Steel 60%
Aging duration (months)	8 months
Filtered?	Yes
Yeast	Cultured
Lees Contact or Stirring	3 years
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes 27 mg/L
Vineyard Name	Sous Pisse Renard, Rochelle
Soil Type(s)	Calcareous, Loam
Elevation (meters)	200
Vineyard Aspect	North
Vine age (years)	40
Vine Yields hl/ha	50
Farming practices	Sustainable
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

Notes from the producer:

Very small production. Only Tete de Cuve (First Press) is used 10% Aged in one year Burgundy Barrels from their Burgundy Estates 60% in Small Stainless Steel Tanks. Grapes are harvest late to achieve optimal maturity.



WineWise Notes:

From a tiny parcel in Verzenay, this is an exceptional Chardonnay champagne from a village renowned for its Pinot Noir. Also aged 60% in steel and 40% in used Prieur barriques, with a dosage of 3.2 gm., just 3000 bottles are made each year. It is a stately, fine and deep-flavoured champagne, well-suited to gastronomy as much as an aperitif.

Proprietors in Beaujolais since 1850, in recent years they acquired both Ch. Rouget in Pomerol and Jacques Prieur in Burgundy. But current proprietor Edouard Labruyère had his sights on Champagne, too, and he wanted it to be at the top level. He was lucky enough to be offered a pocket-sized domaine (5.5 hectares in total) in this most sought-after locale in 2012. A conversion to bio-dynamic vineyard methods was quickly undertaken. The result is wines imbued with Verzenay's distinctive flavor, polished to a fare thee well, made in today's prevailing dry cast. They are stylish and intense.

