

Forest-Marié N.V. Cuvée St. Crespin 1er Cru

WineWise Code	KFM-2
Country	France
Region	Champagne
Subregion	Montagne de Reims
Color	Sparkling
Alcohol by Volume	12.35
Acidity	4.4
Residual Sugar	5.8
Dosage	5 g/L
Years in Blend	60% 2012, 40% 2011
Bottling Date	3/28/13
Disgorgement Date	1/10/19
Annual cases produced	800 cases
Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Maceration Notes	no maceration
Pumpover or Punchdown?	pumping from bottom to bottom
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation vessel	50% Cask, 50% Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	20-30 days
Aging method	50% Used Barrique, 50% Stainless Steel
Aging duration (months)	8 months
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous, Cultured
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 51mg/L
Vineyard Name	Chaillots, Glaises
Soil Type(s)	Calcareous
Elevation (meters)	120-150
Vineyard Aspect	South
Vine age (years)	70-100
Vine Yields hl/ha	60
Farming practices	Conventional
Vine Training Notes	Taille Cordon de Royat
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

Notes from the producer:

The adjacent property deed from 1746 attests that growing vines is a long family tradition. It was barely interrupted when one of our ancestors took part in the Napoleon's Invasion of Russia. We are currently running a vineyard that has increased little by little over 9 generations. Each of them set their own experience. Our current brand name – Forest-Marié- is highly symbolic. It brings two different families together: Thierry's family from Trigny and Gracianne's family - his wife - from Ecueil. With their 2 children – Louis and Marthe – they are working to improve the care of each vine plant according to the specific character of the soil.



WineWise Notes:

This wine came to Thierry from the Premier Cru village of Écueil, home of Gracianne Marié, his wife, whose terroir presents entirely differently. An imposingly spicy, gingery champagne made in a dry style (just 5 gm. of dosage), it would serve as well at the table as as an aperitif. The NEW cuvée, however, is made entirely from Pinot Noir fermented in used wood. It is a splendidly vinous champagne, spicy and firm, and brimming with contained power.

