

Forest-Marié N.V. Brut Blanc de Blancs

WineWise Code	KFM-1
Country	France
Region	Champagne
Subregion	Montagne de Reims
Color	Sparkling
Alcohol by Volume	12.55
Acidity	4.25
Residual Sugar	5.15
Dosage	4.8 g/L
Years in Blend	60% 2014, 40% 2013
Bottling Date	4/17/14
Disgorgement Date	3/11/19
Annual cases produced	625 cases
Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Maceration Notes	
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% Cask, 50% Stainless Steel
Aging duration (months)	8 months
Filtered?	No
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous, Cultured
Lees Contact or Stirring	Vinification sur lies
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes 56 mg/L
Vineyard Name	Coulmier, Clos, Gillis
Soil Type(s)	Calcareous
Elevation (meters)	150
Vineyard Aspect	South
Vine age (years)	30-40
Vine Yields hl/ha	70
Farming practices	Conventional
Vine Training Notes	Taille Chablis
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

WineWise Notes:

It was a bottle of this wine that grabbed my attention in that restaurant in Saumur where I was dining with Julien and Corinne Fouet. One never expects very much of the ritual aperitif champagne in France, but this one was startling for its class, its wonderful biscuity evolution and its length on the palate. Clearly an older cuvée than the one we offer you now, it showed the potential of their Chardonnay to evolve into the sort of rococo classic beloved of champagne aficionados. This cuvee is composed of 60% 2012 and 40% 2013, with almost four years en tirage.



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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.