



CLOS SAINT-HILAIRE 2007

Rarity and complexity

This unique Blanc de Noirs cuvée is named after the Patron Saint of Mareuil-sur-Aÿ. This one-hectare Clos meets strict standards: a single enclosed, unbroken parcel, with its own complete wine-making facilities on site.

This remarkably typical mono cru encapsulates an entire world in a great, profound and singular wine with wonderful ageing potential.



Formulation

From a single one-hectare, enclosed and unbroken parcel of old vines planted with Pinot Noir in Mareuil-sur-Aÿ in 1964.

Vinified entirely in oak casks

Aged on lees / in the cellar: for 177 months

Dosage : 1.9g/l



Available format & recommended ageing potential:

Bottle : more than 10 years



Appearance: The magic of the terroir, along with ancestral savoir-faire, results in a sublime golden yellow hue, enhanced by intense glints of coppery pink. The elegant effervescence of the finest bubbles is mellowed by a meticulous ageing process.



Palate: A full-bodied texture with hints of freshly candied citrus, ripened white- and yellow-fleshed fruits (chocolate-coated orange peel, dried apples and rhubarb) on a bed of many-layered flavours (quince paste, apricot and almond biscuits and beeswax). The wine is characterized by a bewitching yet expressive charm, in which its generosity carries the finish towards a deliciously mineral chalkiness.



Aroma: Noble, pedigree expression, intensely sensual with the olfactory impact of great elegant winery complexity (malted cereals, floral aromas of acacia, broom and orange blossom). The resonance of a mineral setting highlighting the sparkling concentration of intense ripe fruit (roast coffee, toast, mild spices and blond tobacco).



Tasting: A unique length in which each great rare vintage results in a very limited number of bottles (4 800 bottles). Served at cellar temperature (12-14°C), this micro cuvée is a glorious accompaniment to wild ikejime turbot with Burmese coffee.

From **Florent NYS**, oenologist and BILLECART-SALMON's Chief Winemaker.
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