

Pierre Peters CHAMPAGNE

PROPRIÉTAIRE-RÉCOLTANT

- **100% Blanc de Blancs** made from the **Grand Cru** vineyards in the **very best parts of Les Mesnil**
- Young **Rodolphe Peters** is quietly making heads turn!
- Born into a family who owns the **priceless** Les Chétillons parcel in Les Mesnil, this **highly technical** and **gifted** wine maker has built up a massive arsenal of reserve wines. This gives his house style a **distinct consistency in purity** that is the envy of blenders.
- The Les Chétillons parcel, on its own, is capable of producing the same characteristics in wines we scour the world for ... the gentle caress of a sleeping giant. Extremely elegant and complex; made from the grapes of Salon's dreams
- Served at the **3-Michelin stars** restaurant **Boyer** (Les Crayeres) in Reims, France and the **most famous restaurant in the U.S.A** - **French Laundry** in California



Cuvée de Réserve Blanc de Blancs - Grand Cru



Perle du Mesnil

Grower Champagne



Guy Charlemagne

- The quintessential champagne of elegance from Les Mesnil; home to famous wines like Clos du Mesnil (Krug)
- If there could be only one wine that epitomizes the **sheer purity of expression of Blanc de Blancs terroir**, it would have to be **Mesnillésime** from Guy Charlemagne
- **Mesnillésime** is a **superconcentrated** wine from 60-year old vines. If we could imagine what liquid crystal would taste like, ultra pure and concentrated, this would be it
- Served at the **3-star Boyer** (Les Crayeres) in Reims, France and the iconic **La Tour d'Argent** restaurant in Paris



"Mesnillésime is a wine for every serious collector. This is a grower to watch with the greatest respect in the future.

Do not miss the 2002!"

Champagne Guide by **Richard Juhlin**



- The **undisputed top** Alsace producer!
- 'One of the World's Greatest Wine Estates' by Robert Parker
- Olivier Humbrecht is **one of the big stars** in the wine fraternity:
 - The **first French** national to be a **Master of Wine (MW)** and one of the very few winemakers to achieve this qualification
 - One of the **champions in biodynamic farming**
 - **President of Biodyvin** (an international association for biodynamic wine growers based in France).
- Domaine Zind-Humbrecht achieved the ECOCERT **Biodynamic** certification **since 2000**.
- About **40** hectares comprising of **4 Grand Crus** (**Brand** in Turkheim, **Hengst** in Wintzenheim, **Goldert** in Guebenschwihr and **Rangen Clos St. Urbain** in Thann).
- The domaine also has a number of **single vineyards** most notable being the monopol **Clos Windsbuhl**.
- World renowned for its **Gewurztraminer**, **Pinot Gris** and **Riesling** but do check out their superb **Muscat** and **Zind** (blend of Chardonnay/Auxerrois from the Clos Windsbuhl vineyard!)
- **Truly natural** and **highly individual** wines
- **Very long aging potential** especially the single vineyard wines and Grand Crus

'Every action taken has one objective - to produce the finest wine possible. Dense vineyard plantings, probably the lowest yields (by a long measure) in Alsace, and natural wine-making result in wines that are not only extraordinarily full flavoured but also age very impressively. Even some of the lower level cuvees last 10 or even 20 years before tiring!' **Robert Parker's The Greatest Wine Estates in the World.**



- One of the **World's Greatest Wine Estates** by Robert Parker
- **Renowned Châteauneuf-du-Pape producer** in the Rhone Valley (Southern France)
- **Highly rated** by wine professionals
- Its *Cuvée Prestige* comes from vines of about 80 years of age!
- Its very limited production *La Secret des Sabon*, a wine described by Robert Parker as 'The production is absurdly small, and no doubt this explains not only the **extraordinary concentration** but also the **elegance** and **harmony** of this compelling wine.'



Jean-Jacques Sabon (bottom right) with his family

Image: **Roger Sabon**



- **Denis Dubourdieu** is the Professor of Oenology at Bordeaux University since 1987 – **highly respected** in France as one of the **top white wine making specialists** and a **renowned consultant oenologist**.
- For those who know them as **Château Doisy Daëne** (sweet wine from Barsac in the Sauternes appellation), you will be pleased to discover that they make many **good value** and **superb quality** red Bordeaux and Bordeaux blanc (white)
- The Dubourdieu family (husband and wife assisted by their two sons) run 5 properties – **Château Reynon, Clos Floridene, Château Doisy Daëne, Château Cantegril** and **Château Haura**
- If you want to find something more special than Y'quem, that has to be **Doisy Daëne L' Extravagant** – their famous and ultra limited production (about 100 cases!) cuvée of unequalled richness.



Fast Facts

Country:	France
Region:	Languedoc
Appellation:	Minervois La Liviniere
Vineyard Size:	33ha
Soil :	Alluvial limestone
Viticulture :	Biodynamic Organic, Hand- harvesting, Average yield of 40 hl/ha

Background

Château Maris is a **biodynamic** and **organic** wine estate certified by Demeter, Biodyvin and Ecocert located in the hillside of the village of **La Liviniere**, the first Cru Classe of Minervois in the Languedoc region.

This 33 hectare property is run by Robert Eden and his dynamic team and financed by an investor with an aim of making Château Maris one of Languedoc's finest and **most sustainable** wine estates. To illustrate their ongoing efforts, they have built the world's first cellar made entirely of hemp! Majority of the wines are also bottled in ECOVA ultralight recyclable glass! Their philosophy is '**Better for the Earth, Better for the Wine, Better for You**'.

How about the quality of their wines? Almost all their wines achieve above 90 points rating by The Wine Advocate, Rhone Report, Wine Spectator and Wine Enthusiasts! Their wines also won numerous awards. E.g. Chateau Maris 'Les Planels' Syrah 2009 won the **Gold Medal** Signature Bio. Signature Bio is the largest organic wine competition in the world held in France by AIVB.

Vineyard

Biodynamic and Organic viticulture. Strictly no chemical pesticides and herbicides. Château Maris owns work horses. Each year some plots are ploughed that way. Barley, bulgur and mustard is grown between rows and then re-ploughed into the soil, along with the organic compost, to enrich the land and avoid farming in monoculture. Château Maris also continues to perfect methods specifically adapted to its land. The estate uses its very own recipes of teas/tisanes of nettles and chamomile combining lavender and many minerals.

Winemaking

Mostly in **oak vats** with the exception of some in concrete egg shaped vats. Pumping over, no fining, no filtration, oak ageing (min. 12 months). Some wines like Brama (limited production Grenache Gris) gets one-third in new oak.



Mas des Dames

Background

Mas des Dames (literally farm of the ladies) is an 18th century country-house in a unique setting: situated in the middle of it's own valley, surrounded by small, well-protected vineyards on different levels. The exceptional geological condition supplies underground water even in the hottest season! All vineyards are open to the northern winds.

As a result, Mas des Dames wines have a **freshness** that is quite unique for the region.

Production

Surrounded by trees and Mediterranean garrigue, the vineyards have their own natural balance. No use of pesticides since eight years; on conversion to **organic viticulture**. All grapes are picked by hand, transported in small crates and selected at a sorting table. The resulting cleanness of the harvest enables long 'cuvages' (5 weeks).

They apply daily manual 'pigeages'. Careful, controlled pneumatic pressing to avoid any hint of harsh tannins. A part of the wine is aged in 500l barrels, French oak, fine grain, medium heat - aiming for additional complexity without dominance of wood.

Mas des Dames – La Dame 2010

AOC Coteaux Languedoc

Syrah, Grenache, Carignan (20/50/30%)

Only the Syrah is vinified in barrel. A typical, well-balanced Languedoc with spice, fruit and polished tannins. Recently received the highest note of all Languedoc wines by Winespectator (91/100) and was judged by Tom Stevenson as N° 1 price/value in Languedoc.

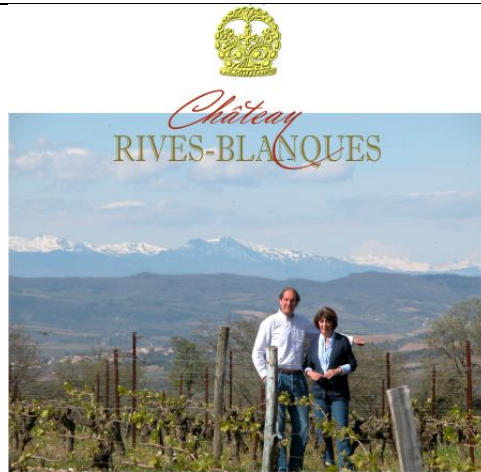
Mas des Dames – La Diva 2009

Vin de Pays Coteaux de Murviel

The originality of this wine comes from its assemblage: Syrah and Grenache (from our best AOC plots, 50/30%) with Alicante, coming from 100-years old grapevines, giving no more than 15 hl/ha. La Diva is a deep, supple red with an attractive complexity that improves with aging. Aged in barrel for at least 12 months.

Gilbert & Gaillard 2011 (92/100): 'Typé et réussi. All the aromatic richness of the south. Powerfull, yet supple'. Decanter: Silver medal.

Referenced at 'The Waterside Inn, London (***Michelin), The Ledbury (**), The Connaught (**), Gordon Ramsey (**)



Rives Blanques

Fast Facts

Country:	France
Region:	Languedoc
Appellation:	Limoux
Vineyard Size:	30ha
Altitude:	350m
Soil :	Glacial Moraine and Clay
Viticulture :	Organic, Handharvesting,

Background

Did you know that the world's first and original sparkling wines were discovered at a Benedictine monastery in Limoux in 1531 ? This was over a century before Dom Perignon reputedly took the recipe to Champagne. By the 19th century, Blanquette (the name of the sparkling wine) was enjoying worldwide popularity, from the White House in Washington to the palace of the Czars in St Petersburg. One of its biggest fans was Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States. At the time of his death, about 10% of his legendary wine cellar at Monticello was filled with Blanquette de Limoux, the only sparkling wine kept there.

Rives Blanques is an award-winning producer of sparkling wines from Limoux in the Languedoc region, south of France. Their wines have also consistently received good reviews from the press. To date, every single one of their wines have been rated by two top wine magazines in France – La Revue du Vin de France and Guide Hachette des Vins.

This is a family-owned estate of 30 hectares and all wines are château bottled.

Vineyard

The vineyards are at 350m altitude (which explain the cooler climate and freshness in the wines) and lie in a nature reserve designated by the European programme Natura 2000, because of the unique habitat for flora and fauna provided by this meeting ground of Atlantic and Mediterranean influences.

Rives-Blanques was the first in the region to experiment with sowing wild flowers, clover or cereals between the rows of vines, thus adding nitrogen to the soil while also keeping weeds down.

A part of the property is currently being converted back to pure organic viticulture. Because they allow the land to work itself naturally, a natural habitat has been created for wild boar, owls, hawks, wild deer, and birds around the vineyards.

Winemaking

Latest pneumatic Vaslin press by Bucher. Stainless steel vats for sparkling wines and top quality oak barrels from Francois Freres in Burgundy and Vicard in Bordeaux for their still wines. Continuous improvement is the cornerstone of the winemaking philosophy.

Wines

1. Blanquette de Limoux

'A great champagne substitute!' Steven Spurrier

Gold Medal, Logis de France;

Silver Medal, Concours Mondial de Bruxelles;

Silver Medal, Competition of the Great Wines of Languedoc-Roussillon

Bronze Medal, International Wine & Spirits Competition;

Commended, Decanter World Wine Awards

90% Mauzac, 10% Chardonnay/Chenin blanc

Whole, unblemished grapes harvested by hand, and pressed in under two hours of harvesting. Separate vinification of each grape variety. Fermented at 14 °C. in stainless steel vats with a second fermentation in the bottle. Yield: 45 hl/ha.

2. Blanc de Blancs

'Absolutely delightful - who needs Champagne?'

Jancis Robinson

Silver Medal, Competition of Cremants of France;

Bronze Medal, Independent Winegrowers of France

Chardonnay and Chenin blanc blend

Whole, unblemished grapes harvested by hand, and pressed in under two hours of harvesting. Separate vinification of each grape variety. Fermented at 14 °C. in stainless steel vats with a second fermentation in the bottle. Yield: 45 hl/ha. Méthode Traditionnelle.

3. Vintage Rose

'Pretty, delicate, dry and elegant'

Jancis Robinson

Gold Medal, Competition of Cremants of France;

Silver Medal, International Wine Challenge

Chardonnay, Chenin blanc and Pinot Noir blend

Whole, unblemished grapes harvested by hand, and pressed in under two hours of harvesting. Separate vinification of each grape variety. Fermented at 14 °C. in stainless steel vats with a second fermentation in the bottle. Yield: 45 hl/ha. Méthode Traditionnelle.

