

Champagne Crété Chamberlin, Moussy, Champagne-Ardennes

General Info

Country: France

Region: Champagne

Appellation(s): Champagne 1er Cru, Grand Cru

Producer: Mathieu and Blandine Crété

Year Founded: 2021

Annual Production Total: 10,000 cases

Farming: Organic Non-Certified

Harvest Method: Manual

Total Estate Size: 8 ha on 84 plots



Champagne Crété Chamberlin

The Crété lineage is one of the oldest wine growing families in Champagne. For 342 years the vineyard work and will of each generation have shaped what Mathieu & Blandine Crété represent and have created with Champagne Crété Chamberlin. They are the 15th generation of winegrowers and 8th generation of independent winemakers

Mathieu and Blandine are now the happy custodians and faithful servants of their most valued asset: the vine. Their philosophy: "Tout commence à la vigne" (It all starts with the vine) shapes their daily task and drives their joy.

Accordingly, from the very first viticultural work in spring, each terroir is approached with the aim of respecting the soil, either by controlled grassing on certain plots or by plowing. The approach of the work in the vineyards is global in the sense of an organic/biodynamic culture while remaining at the service of and listening to Nature. No dogma, no certification is necessary to their work because they do not wish to be locked into a limited method. The only influences on the cultivation technique are the climatic conditions.

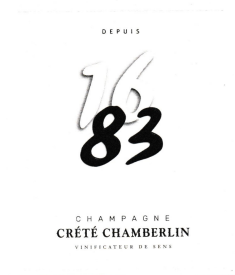
This single conviction and the great diversity of their ancestors' work guides Mathieu's inspirations while caring for a complex fragmentation of 84 different plots. A special and unique organization of the cuvées into three 'Collections' brings coherence to extend the messaging of the vine to the wine. The vineyards are in full expression of aromatic potential with an average vine age of 60 years, most planted with massal selection from vines over 100 to 120 years old. This distinction deserves special attention, as it not only testifies to the vigor of the vine through the ages, but also to the origin of the wines' quality.

The estate is composed of 8 hectares of vineyards distributed among 11 villages that represent the three main regions of Champagne with agro-geographical specificities and diversity of soils, orientation, and exposures:

~ Côte des Blancs on chalk base ~ Grand Cru: Le Mesnil sur Oger, Oger, Avize and Premier Cru: Cuis and Villeneuve-Renneville

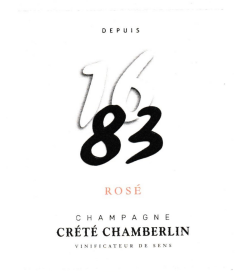
~ Coteaux Sud de Epernay mainly on chalky clay ~ Moussy (cradle of the family and current headquarters of the Domain) + Pierry, Vinay, Brugny, and Vaudancourt

~ Vallée de Surmelin ~ on limestone and marl ~ Baulne en Brie



1683 Brut NV

Composed of 70% Chardonnay and 30% Meunier, this cuvée is the champagne resulting from the Crété family's influence (descended from the Côte des Blancs). It is the very expression of Chardonnay on the whole family terroirs. Notes of candle wax and apple skin, mid-weight with clean refreshing mineral driven length. 2020 base + 40% '18/'19 reserve wine. 4.5g/L, disgorged Feb 2024.



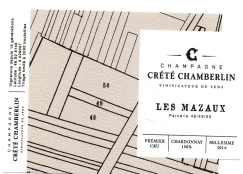
1683 Rosé Brut NV

Arrived much later on the Estate, this champagne expresses Roland Crété's passion for making his red wine. Indeed, he was in the 1960s one of the pioneers in the elaboration of this cuvée. He thus demonstrated the know-how and precision of making a blended rosé. He made this cuvée a necessary part of the range. It is composed of 68% Chardonnay, 20% Meunier + 12% Pinot Noir vinified as red. 2021 Base vintage + 40% '19/'20 reserve wine. 1K bottles produced. 5.5g/L, disgorged Feb 2024



CDB Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Extra Brut 2019

100% Chardonnay Grand Cru. This cuvée is an exclusive blend of grapes from the terroirs of Oger and Le Mesnil-sur-Oger. It represents the marriage of two areas renowned for their freshness and complexity. *2019 ~ no malo, 2g/L dosage. Fresh fruity aromas of apple and baking spice and rich lees balanced with mineral structure, saline and citrus notes. Drinks as a gourmand pastry.



Les Mazaux Blanc de Blancs Premier Cru Extra Brut 2018

The only land parcel claimed to date of the Domaine Crété Chamberlin. A 100% Chardonnay Premier Cru from the terroir of Villeneuve-Renneville. The name of this cuvée is the name on the land register. The story of the name "Mazaux" comes from the fact that the parcel is located on a late sector of the Côte des Blancs. This 1-acre plot is therefore always worked last compared to the other vines on the Estate because of the continental climate that generates scorching periods. So at the time, when onlookers saw the winegrower and his workers bowed down in the vineyards under the sweltering heat, the term "maso" was often used. This wine reflects the identity of this particular terroir. Since 2010, the year of planting, the parcel has been gently ploughed in order to aerate the vines and allow them to develop as they wish. 1g/L, disgorged Feb 2024. *2018 ~ 1g/L dosage. A very special study in terroir with a Bourgogne approach to a single plot vinification. The wood of this clonal selection is small and cannot support a lot of grapes, the result is a unique concentration. Ripe stone fruit complimenting a superior texture that's rich, creamy, diamond dusty chalk over a long arc of savory minerals.

Quintile Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Extra Brut 2013

Chardonnay Grand Cru produced from 3 plots within the lieu-dit 'Les Zaieux' located in Le Mesnil-sur-Oger with an avg age of 60yrs. The fabulous destiny of great Chardonnays in great vintages, previously only made in 2008/2012. A cuvée that reveals the natural sweetness of the fruit. Just shy of 10yrs on lees it shows the extension but remains super fresh and acid driven. This is a Champagne making the argument for a decanting. Savory notes of flint and florals with rich pear and lengthy mineral essence with a very delicate mousse. 2g/L dosage, disgorged Nov 2023.



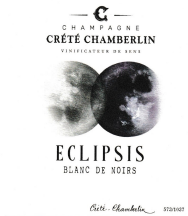
TDN Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut Nature 2017

From a single plot within one of the oldest lieu-dits in Oger, 'Terres de Noël's' planted in 1903. Their one cuvee fermented & aged in a single 20hl Foudre. A very complex and complete expression of 'wine' with the most exceptional texture. Exotic notes with richness and intensity, it's both lean and rich with dusty textural length. An experience befitting the most gourmand table. 1g/L, disgorged Feb 2024



Eclipsis Blanc de Meunier Extra Brut 2019

100% direct press Pinot Meunier from one plot in each Village of Pierry and Moussy. Only made in select vintages, 1000 bottles. A wine expressive of the soils from the family's home Village while exhibiting fresh floral & herbal Meunier notes. 4g/L, disgorged Dec 2024.



Coteaux Champenois Rouge Meunier 2022

100% Pinot Meunier from a single plot in Moussy, 'Les Bas Poulli'. Their first bottling of Meunier as red wine, Blandine's heart in a bottle. 438 bottles produced, 30% new barrel for 22mo. There's structure, tannin, acid, earth and mineral but you can taste raspberry and glimpse the blue/grey/violet notes of the varietal. A taste toward what was likely know as Champagne before sparkling whites changed it's history.

