



70% Chardonnay Grand Cru

30% Pinot Noir Grand Cru and Premier Cru

Ambonnay, Dizy and Rilly-la-Montagne

1996 is carachterized by a series of weather-period very contrasted, which seemed to have been very beneficial on the vines.

The winter was cold and the vines stock avoided closely to be damaged by the frost thanks to a strong wind from the north. Monthes of March, April and May were respectively marked by greyness, heat and storms. June was favourable to the flowering. Finally, summer climate conditions were quasi-providentiel the wheater successively heat, rain and fresh wind, still from the north, which dryed the vines, preventing from the developpement of diseases. In these conditions, the harvest 1996 was very healthy and the musts had already the profil of the great wines with remarquable sugar and acidity levels.

NOTES FROM THE CELLAR MASTER

The acidity of this great champagne have been barely chastened: it shows under a nice freshness delicates reduced notes of grilled bread and mocha, then the wine opens and evolves to aromas of white truffle. This wine has a strong backbone thanks to the Pinot Noir from Ambonnay and Dizy and a light zest of lemon in finish.







