



CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1829

La Côte aux Enfants 2013

Champagne, France

ESTATE

Bollinger is an icon in Champagne, all the more remarkable because its reputation rests entirely on the quality of its extraordinarily distinct Champagnes. Very simply, Bollinger is the outlier. The rigorous, obsessive attention to detail and preservation of artisanal, almost absurdly labor-intensive practices, makes Bollinger both a guardian of the past and, as we see with each passing year, the beacon of the future.

WINE

A stunning and extremely rare still red wine produced only in the greatest vintages. This wine harmoniously combines 100% Pinot Noir Grand Cru fruit from an exceptional vineyard with traditional Burgundian style winemaking. Historically, Pinot Noirs from Aÿ were the most popular wines of the French court, specifically a favorite of King Henri IV, and La Côte aux Enfants comes from a steep plot just outside of the village. This wine is the purest expression of Pinot Noir, offering a fine, delicate texture in the mouth and it a beautifully long finish.

VINEYARD

Soils: 100% Pinot Noir Grand cru from a single vineyard in Aÿ. Beginning in the early 20th century, Bollinger started to acquire more than 50 differently owned plots and now owns all four hectares of this legendary vineyard.

Farming: Since 2009, all vines grown there are organically farmed.

Grape Variety: 100% Pinot Noir.

WINEMAKING

Vinification: Traditional Burgundian style of winemaking.

Aging: 8 months in small oak barrels.

VINTAGE

Climate: The season experienced a cool spring and one of the later harvests in 20 years. Summer hail caused concern in the region, however the Pinot Noir fruit at Bollinger developed well, with great structure and flavor concentration. The 2013 vintage shows great aging potential.



TASTING NOTE

The distinctive terroir characteristics are clearly present and its bouquet of bright fruit is complemented by spicy, woody notes. The fruitiness bursts forth, giving way to a rich mouth feel with a beautiful tannic structure and a tautness giving it a beautifully long finish with a final note of cherry and kirsch.