

# 2012 Winter Champagne Offer

## Marie Courtin (Polisot - Côte des Bar)

Dominique Moreau created the estate in 2005 with a vision to produce a series of single-vineyard, single varietal, single vintage Champagnes from biodynamically-grown grapes that are farmed and elaborated with meticulous care. Her Résonance and Efflorescence wines come from a hillside vineyard of 35-40 year old, massale-selection Pinot Noir in Polisot, while her new "Éloquence" cuvée comes from a Chardonnay vineyard nearby. These are breathtakingly gorgeous, elegant Champagnes in extremely limited quantities.

All Marie Courtin are 6/750 ml cases

<u>Item Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	$\underline{\text{Vintage}}$	<u>Frontline</u>	<u>Discounts</u>	<u>Scores</u>
FMC100	Champagne Resonance Extra Brut [2009]	NV	\$240	220/5	92 WA
FMC004	Champagne Efflorescence Extra Brut	2007	\$320		93 WA



## Coutier (Ambonnay – Montagne de Reims)

Since 1619, Champagne R. H. Coutier has been farming in the Grand Cru village of Ambonnay, one of the top wine-producing towns on the Montagne de Reims. While Ambonnay is generally regarded as Pinot country, Coutier's vineyards are planted with one-third Chardonnay and two-thirds Pinot Noir. In fact, in 1946 René Coutier's father was the first vigneron to plant Chardonnay in the village, which has done well over the ensuing decades and now is as highly regarded as the Pinot Noir from Ambonnay.

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FCO109	Coutier Brut Millesime GC (6/750)	2004	\$240	Net	92 WA
FCO102	Coutier Brut Rose	NV	\$380	360/5	92 WA
FCO101	Coutier Tradition Brut (12/375)	NV	\$216	200/5	
FCO100	Coutier Tradition Brut	NV	\$360	328/5	90 WA



## Gatinois (Aÿ – Vallée de la Marne)

The Gatinois family has cultivated vines in Aÿ since 1696. The village is 100% grand cru and is renowned for its powerful pinot noirs, particularly from a local vine variety called petit pinot d'Aÿ. The champagnes are traditionally produced, reward long-aging, and are distinctly aromatic and refined.

<u>Item Code</u>	Description	<u>Vintage</u>	<b>Frontline</b>	<b>Discounts</b>	<b>Scores</b>
FGA003	Brut Rose Grand Cru	NV	\$399	380/5	92 WA
FGA001	Tradition Brut Grand Cru	NV	\$360	336/5	92 WA
FGA013	Vintage Brut	2006	\$560	Net	91 WA



## Larmandier-Bernier (Vertus – Côte des Blancs)

Pierre Larmandier is devoted to transmitting the intricacies of each site among his 9.5 hectares of very-old vines. The resulting wines show great purity, intensity and finesse. The meticulous attention to detail, an evolving biodynamic viticulture, fermentations with naturally occurring yeasts, and a restrained use of dosage all result in focused and sleek wines with a fascinating complexity.

<u>Item Code</u>	Description	<u>Vintage</u>	<b>Frontline</b>	<b>Discounts</b>	Scores
FLB113	Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut 1er Cru (1/3L)	NV	\$250	Net	
FLB100	Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut 1er Cru	NV	\$480	460/5	91 WA
FLB112	Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut 1er Cru (6/1.5L)	NV	\$496	Net	
FLB108	Cramant VV Extra Brut GC	2006	\$720	Net	92 WA
FLB111	Rose de Saignee Extra Brut 1er Cru [Cuvee 2009]	NV	\$620	Net	92 WA
FLB110	Terre de Vertus Blanc de Blancs Non Dose 1er Cru	2007	\$549	Net	



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## Moncuit (Le Mesnil – Côte des Blancs)

Champagne Pierre Moncuit is based in the superb Côtes des Blancs commune of Mesnil-sur-Oger, where they own some of oldest vines in the village. The Moncuit family is one of the great defenders of a style of Champagne that emphasizes the expression of terroir in the finished wines. For this reason, the NV wines are all single-vintage and all from Le Mesnil, so that the cuvées represent the essence of their respective areas of origin.

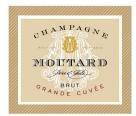
Item Code	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vintage</u>	<b>Frontline</b>	<u>Discounts</u> <u>Scores</u>
FMQ018	Blanc de Blancs GC	NV	\$396	360/5, 336/15 91 WA
FMQ015	Blanc de Blancs GC (6/1.5L)	NV	\$396	380/5, 360/15
FMQ001	Hugues de Coulmet Bl. de Blancs	NV	\$340	328/5, 312/15 90 WA
FMQ019	Blanc de Blancs GC [Cuvee 2009] (12/375)	NV	\$240	224/5
FMQ020	Blanc de Blancs GC [Cuvee 2009] (6/1.5L)	NV	\$396	Net
FMQ017	Blanc de Blancs GC	2005	\$520	Net



## Moutard-Diligent (Buxeuil – Côte des Bar)

Founded in the 1600's, this house in the far southern edge of Champagne specializes in the production of Pinot Noirs from an ideal terroir featuring a mix of clay and limestone. The wines are vinified in a traditional manner and emerge from the cellars with lovely aromas and red fruit tones, with a supple texture and lingering finish.

<u>Item Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vintage</u>	<b>Frontline</b>	<b>Discounts</b>	<u>Scores</u>
FMD120	Cuvee 6 Cepages Brut	2005	\$460		
FMD100	Grande Cuvee Brut	NV	\$320	296/5, 280/1	5 90 WA
FMD103	Grande Cuvee Brut (12/375)	NV	\$204	192/5	
FMD111	Moutard Grande Cuvee Brut (6/1.5L)	NV	\$360	320/5	
FMD101	Brut Rose	NV	\$360	336/5, 320/1	5 92 WA
					93 + VC



## Camille Saves (Bouzy – Montagne de Reims)

Founded in 1894, this small producer works 11 hectares on steep south-facing hillsides with predominate chalk deposits in the Grand Cru of Bouzy and surrounding villages. To balance the power of the Pinot Noir from this terroir, the malolactic is blocked, resulting in a house style that is assertive and expressive, yet refreshing and suprememly elegant.

Item Code	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vintage</u>	<b>Frontline</b>	<b>Discounts</b>	Scores	MRUT
FSA004	Saves Brut Rose	NV	\$596	Net	92+ VC	
FSA001	Carte Blanche Brut	NV	\$460	Net	Scores 92+ VC	CAM



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