

# 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            | 220/2            | 92 WA         |
| FMC004           | Champagne Efflorescence Extra Brut    | 2007                         | \$320            | 288/4            | 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            | 360/2            | 92 WA  |
| FCO101           | Coutier Tradition Brut (12/375)   | NV             | \$216            | 200/2            |        |
| FCO100           | Coutier Tradition Brut            | NV             | \$360            | 328/2            | 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.

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|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| FGA003    | Brut Rose Grand Cru      | NV             | \$399            | 380/2            | 92 WA         |
| FGA001    | Tradition Brut Grand Cru | NV             | \$360            | 336/2            | 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.

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|-----------|--|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| FLB113    | Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut 1er Cru (1/3L)        | NV             | \$250            | Net              |        |
| FLB100    | Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut 1er Cru               | NV             | \$480            | 460/2, 440/3     | 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.

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|-----------|--|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| FMQ018    | Blanc de Blancs GC                       | NV             | \$396            | 360/2, 336/3     | 91 WA  |
| FMQ015    | Blanc de Blancs GC (6/1.5L)              | NV             | \$396            | 380/2            |        |
| FMQ001    | Hugues de Coulmet Bl. de Blancs          | NV             | \$340            | 328/2, 312/3     | 90 WA  |
| FMQ019    | Blanc de Blancs GC [Cuvee 2009] (12/375) | NV             | \$240            | 224/2            |        |
| 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.

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|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| FMD120           | Cuvee 6 Cepages Brut               | 2005           | \$460            | 449/5            |        |
| FMD100           | Grande Cuvee Brut                  | NV             | \$320            | 296/2, 280/3     | 90 WA  |
| FMD103           | Grande Cuvee Brut (12/375)         | NV             | \$204            | 192/2            |        |
| FMD111           | Moutard Grande Cuvee Brut (6/1.5L) | NV             | \$360            | 320/2            |        |
| FMD101           | Brut Rose                          | NV             | \$360            | 320/2, 308/3     | 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<br>FSA004<br>FSA001 | Description Saves Brut Rose Carte Blanche Brut | <u>Vintage</u><br>NV<br>NV | <b>Frontline</b> \$596 \$460 | <u>Discounts</u><br>Net<br>Net | Scores<br>92+ VC | CAMPAGNE CAMPAGNE CAMPAGNE CAMPAGNE PROPRIETABLE RECUTANT BOUZE |
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|                               |  |                            |                              |                                |                  | PROPRIÉTAIRE RÉCOLTANT A BOUZY Carte Blanche                    |

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