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YEAR'S BEST CHAMPAGNE

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Champagne

Stéphane Coquillet

Stéphane Coquillet is the 4th generation of his family to make wines; his father runs Champagne Saint-Chamant (also recommended here). His chardonnay, mostly from Chouilly and Cuis, provides pale, chalky wines in a Côte des Blancs style; his pinots grow in Aÿ and Mareuil/ Aÿ.

94 PTS | NV Marie Aimer Rosé Brut

The essence of a red wine, this rosé's tension and vivacity have as much lift as its bubbles. They present a range of ethereal scents, from roses to pink grapefruit and orange zest, fragrant strawberries and cream. It's a bright and delicate match for roast fish, while substantial enough to stand up to roast quail.

93 PTS | NV Blanc de Blancs "Cuvée Diane" Brut

A heady chardonnay Champagne with scents of lobster stock and poire William, this is saturated with flavor without giving up its intensely chalky structure. It's broad and rich, carrying enough lively acidity to balance and contour the finish. Delicious with any fruits de mer.

92 PTS | NV "Carte d'Or" Brut 1er Cru

This wine's lusty depth of flavor has the elegance Champagne's chalk soils can give. It emphasizes chardonnay, with lime pith and lemon juiciness withheld in a pale, acacia-scented finish. For Dover sole.