



AUDOIN DE DAMPIERRE

 The Dampierre family is one of the oldest members of the French nobility. In 1880 the Comtes de Dampierre established a link with champagne when Maurice de Gouvion St-Cyr married Marie Boisseau, who was related to the champagne dynasties. But it was only a century later, in 1985, that Audoin, the great grandson of Maurice de Gouvion St-Cyr, decided to set up his own champagne House. He bought the castle of Chenay which became the headquarters of Champagne Comte Audoin de Dampierre. It also serves as a place to receive the guests of the House.



THE GUIDE'S OPINION




 Audoin de Dampierre has this to say about his high-quality wines: *"One simply cannot improvise the craft of a cellar-master. This is a specific and highly-skilled trade for which I have too much respect to try to exercise myself. Therefore I have my blends produced, to my own tastes, by a well-known cellar-master. They use only the very best grapes and I make my Champagnes as if they were Bentleys, in small quantities and always aiming for perfection."*

This is clearly the case with the Cuvée des Ambassadeurs, which is a refined and well-balanced Champagne. Its elegant classicism is due to its composition, made up of five Grands Crus and one Premier Cru. This was the spirit that decided the creation of the Family Réserve, in 1992. This wine comes solely from Chardonnays of the very best Grands Crus -Avize, Cramant and Le Mesnil. It was initially designed only for family consumption. Part of its success may come from the fact that it is only sold in a splendid old-fashioned bottle, whose cork is tied in by string, which is practically unique in Champagne. Each bottle is authenticated by a printed signature. In its 1998 vintage, Family Réserve is remarkable elegant and tender. A true prestige cuvée. Even more elitist is the Prestige Grand Cru from the 1995 vintage. This is the result of a drastic selection of wines from the same Grands Crus, and is an exceptional wine.



FICHE DE CAVE

BRUTS :

Grande Cuvée

30%  40%  30% 

Cuvée des Ambassadeurs Premier Cru

50%  50% 

Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru

100% 

BRUT MILLÉSIMÉ :

Grand Vintage Premier Cru 1998

35%  65% 

ROSÉ :

Rosé Oeil de Perdrix Premier Cru

88%  12% 

CUVÉES DE PRESTIGE :

Family Réserve Grand Cru 2000

100% 

Cuvée de Prestige Grand Cru 1995

100% 