

DOMAINE PETIT & BAJAN Grand Cru Brut 'Promise' NV

Richard Petit's family roots in Avize go back centuries, caring for Chardonnay on the chalky soils of the Côte de Blancs. Véronique Bajan's clan hails from Pinot Noir terroir in Verzenay, grand cru land on the Montagne de Reims. Love, then marraige, came first in 1997; then in 1999, when Richard took over his family's winery in Avize, the idea that they could create wine together blossomed. With Richard's attention to detail in the fields and Véronique's tasting prowess in the cellar, the small-batch, grand cru wines of Petit & Bajan are very much the voice of Champagne's new generation. These are bold, vinous wines that set a higher bar for grand cru Champagne.

WINERY: Domaine Petit & Bajan

WINEMAKER: Richard Petit

ESTABLISHED: 2008

REGION: FRANCE • Champagne • Avize

APPELLATION: Champagne AOC

BLEND: 60% Chardonnay and 40% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS: Estate vines (Chardonnay) are found on pure chalk soils in Avize; estate vines (Pinot Noir) are found on a mix of chalk and clay in the village of Verzenay.

AGE OF VINES: 20-60 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Pressed and fermented on selected yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Malolactic conversion allowed. Base vintage 2013. Dosage 4 g/L. Disgorged July 2021, special release with limited quantity (1,500 bottles total for the US)

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of sauteed pears, light spice, lemon curd, red berries, toasted brioche, dried apricots. A vinous wine with wonderful energy and length; excellent acidic balance.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Smoked fish or aged cow's cheese; white meat with fresh herbs; rich shellfish

Paris Champagne

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