

DOMAINE MICHEL TURGY Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut Reserve Selection

Quietly in the shadows of the larger houses in the Côte de Blancs, vine-growing Champagne artisans like Jean-Michel Turgy are crafting characterrich wines based on the traditions of past winemaking generations. Turgy sets himself apart with wines that do more than just reflect the Mesnil style—sumptuous, sensual and richly flavored—but faithfully capture the true character of the region's unparalleled terroir, a vibrant personality often muted by mass-producing Champagne houses. For more than 130 years, the Turgy family has grown Chardonnay grapes on these chalky soils, and because of this, they can certainly claim to be more than acquainted with the true soul and substance of Mesnil.

WINERY: Domaine Michel Turgy WINEMAKER: Jean-Michel Turgy

ESTABLISHED: 1881

REGION: FRANCE • Champagne • Le Mesnil sur Oger

APPELLATION: Champagne AOC **BLEND:** 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS: Multiple small vineyard parcels in and around the town of Le Mesnil sur Oger, in the Côte des Blancs. Soils are pure chalk (ancient

fossilized marl, limestone) and rated 100% Grand Cru

AGE OF VINES: 20-30 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Pressed in an ancient wooden upright press, and fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged for at least two years in bottle. Dosage less than 5 grams/L.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of gardenia, honeysuckle, brioche. Flavors of lemon curd, sea salt, toast. Fine-grained and savory

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: As an aperitif; with sushi or other delicate seafood

NOTES: This wine is a North Berkeley Imports exclusive selection. The blend uses 30% more reserve wine than does the estate's regular brut.

