

## **DOMAINE EGLY-OURIET** Grand Cru Brut Millésime 2009

Domaine Egly-Ouriet Champagne is sensual and unforgettable, a necessary experience for those who crave the power and finesse of Pinot Noir-based wines. What you'll find at this family "grower" house is truly vinous Champagne, wines striking in their concentration and complexity. Winemaker Francis Egly's practice of harvesting very ripe grapes and aging his wines in barrel for years are some of the technical decisions that set his art apart from the rest; yet it is the results that captivate. Egly-Ouriet Champagne is age-worthy, sumptuous and at times surreal; these wines are unquestionably the pinnacle of Pinot Noir-based Champagne. Proudly, North Berkeley Imports was one of the first importers to bring Egly-Ouriet wines to the United States.

WINERY: Domaine Egly-Ouriet WINEMAKER: Francis Egly ESTABLISHED: 1930 REGION: FRANCE • Champagne • Ambonnay APPELLATION: Champagne AOC BLEND: 70% Pinot Noir and 30% Chardonnay

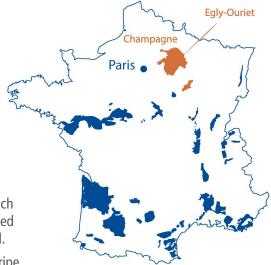
**VINEYARDS:** Estate vineyards (planted in the 1970s) are located in Ambonnay. Soils combine chalk and limestone.

AGE OF VINES: 40 years, on average

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in French oak barrels (approx. 30% new wood). Malolactic conversion stopped. Aged for nine years in bottle. Dosage 4 grams/L. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Pale yellow gold. Aromas of apricots, peaches, ripe lemon, white flowers, spice. Lacy, precise and refined. Flavors of red fruits, cream, ginger, white pepper.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Smoked fish; fresh shellfish; sushi; white meats



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