

DOMAINE EGLY-OURIET Grand Cru Brut Rosé NV

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; Ambonnay Rouge for color

(about 5% of the blend)

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards are located in Ambonnay, Verzenay and Bouzy, grand cru-rated villages on the Montagne de Reims. Soils blend chalk and limestone.

AGE OF VINES: 40 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in older French oak barrels. Aged for three years in bottle. Dosage 2 grams/L. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of blood orange, wildflowers, pomegranate jam. Creamy and full-bodied; red fruits, lemon zest, light spice.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Smoked salmon; Asian-inspired cuisine, especially

sushi

