

## **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 marriage, 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. Aged at least three years in bottle. Dosage 4 grams/L.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of crisp green and red apple; lightly toasted brioche; poached pears; lemon zest. Fresh and savory, with great length.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** As an aperitif; fresh cheese with herbs; seared scallops and cream



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