

DOMAINE ANDRÉ ROBERT Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut 'Les Horizons' NV

The story of André Robert Champagne goes back five generations, rooted in the chalk-rich, grand cru soils of Le Mesnil sur Oger. Henri Robert was a pioneer in the village, organizing its first growers' association. His son, the eponymous André, purchased the estate house under which a hand-carved, 19th-century cellar now ages the family's complex, barrel-aged wines. Bertrand Robert, his wife Colette and daughter, Claire, together tend sustainably some 35 acres of grand and premier cru terroir in the Côte des Blancs, a true grower-producer family dedicated to the elegant and expressive character of pure Mesnil Champagne.

WINERY: Domaine André Robert
WINEMAKER: Jean-Baptiste Denizart

ESTABLISHED: 1962

REGION: FRANCE • Champagne • Mesnil sur Oger

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

VINEYARDS: A selection of fruit from estate vineyards in grand cru village Mesnil (20%), premier cru villages Cuis and Étréchy (60%) and Vitry (20%).

AGE OF VINES: 40 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Base wine 2018 (80%); reserve wine 2017 (20%). Pressed full cluster then fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled tank (80%) and older French oak barrique (20%); aged on lees for 10 months. Malolactic conversion blocked. Aged in bottle for two years. Dosage 2.5 grams/L.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of Meyer lemon, citrus curd, white flowers, crushed stones. Lacy and fresh, with citrus zest and racy energy

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: As an aperitif; with fresh cheeses or caviar; fresh fish dishes, such as sushi

