



Dosnon & Lepage in the press...



Recolte Brute NV (70% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay)



91pts. "Light, bright gold. Oak-spiced pear and orange aromas are complemented by vanilla, mint and toasty lees; reminded me of a wine from Ramonet. Sappy, sharply focused orchard fruit and tangerine flavors are sweetened by vanillin oak and become spicier with air. While this is undeniably marked by wood, the oak asserts itself seductively rather than assertively. Finishes long and with lingering spiciness."



90pts. "This is marked by spicy oak and coconut aromas, yet it's also full of lemon and pear notes. Assertive in flavor, but refined in texture, with a long, dry finish. Drink now through 2012. 2,500 cases made."



90pts. "The NV Extra Brut Recolte Brute (70% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay) is a powerful, authoritative Champagne loaded with smoke, earthiness, minerals and white"



Recolte Noire NV (100% Pinot Noir)



93pts. "Yellow-gold with a steady bead. Dried pear, citrus and smoky mineral aromas are complicated by floral, vanilla and blonde tobacco notes. Zesty, mineral-accented orange and pear flavors blend finesse with power, picking up a sweet honeysuckle quality with air. Finishes taut, long and vibrant, with the mineral note repeating. I love this style."



91pts. "A racy, precise Champagne. High-toned coconut, rye toast, orange peel and ginger flavors are supported by the bracing structure, yet this has intensity and grace, with a mouthwatering finish. Best from 2009 through 2013. 3,000 cases made."



Recolte Rose NV (100% Pinot Noir)



92pts. "Bright salmon-skin color, with an aggressive bead. Mineral-driven aromas of redcurrant, Bosc pear, yellow rose, anise and minerals. Firm and focused, offering spicy red berry and succulent herb flavors, with dusty minerals adding grip and lift. Manages to be deep and lively at once, with a strong jolt of blood orange on the back end. Intriguing for its freshness as well as its power, with excellent finishing clarity and tangy persistence."



91pts. "Raspberry, cherry and sweet spice aromas and flavors highlight this elegant, sophisticated Champagne, which is intense, vinous and on the dry side, with a lingering finish. Drink now through 2012. 1,500 cases made."



90pts. "The estate's NV Brut Rose Recolte Rose is engaging wine that flows with layers of sweet, perfumed fruit that are supported by an attractive vein of minerality. This seductive, fresh rose possesses outstanding elegance and tons of style. Disgorged July, 2008. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2010. This is a promising set of wines from Davy Dosnon and Simon-Charles Lepage. Dosnon & Lepage pursue a philosophy of sustainability in their work in the vineyards and cellar. The wines are aged in small French oak barrels and are neither fined nor filtered prior to bottling. Based on what I tasted, this small domaine is well worth keeping an eye on."