

CHAMPAGNE
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Champagne Bollinger La Côte aux Enfants

COTEAUX CHAMPENOIS

2013



ESTATE

Family-owned since 1829 and based in the village of Ay in the heart of the Champagne region, Champagne Bollinger is revered around the world for its elegant and complex champagnes produced from their exceptional vineyards, with an emphasis on the Pinot Noir grape, and a uniquely rigorous nurturing of their wines. Bollinger's carefully farmed 400 acres of primarily Grand Cru and Premier Cru vineyards make them one of the most important vineyard owners in all of Champagne. The family's tenacity in continuing with labor-intensive hand-riddling, vinification in small, old casks, and long aging of reserve wines in magnums under cork, results in Champagnes of true individuality and excellence.

WINE

La Côte aux Enfants is a rarity in Champagne – a still red wine made from 100% Pinot Noir grapes from a legendary plot in Ay. Released only in top vintages. The 2013 exhibits notes of licorice, morello cherries and elder flower jam, developing towards hints of cocoa. The fruitiness burst forth, a rich mouth feel with a beautiful tannic structure; a final note of cherry and kirsch.

VINEYARD

Champagne country originally owed its fame to its red wines. Favorites of King Henri IV, the Pinot Noirs from the town of Ay were the most popular wines of the French court. La Côte aux Enfants comes from a steep plot just outside Ay. Jacques Bollinger himself reconstituted it patiently, at the beginning of the 20th century, from over 50 differently owned plots! Today, Bollinger owns four adjacent hectares of the legendary plot. Since 2009, all vines grown there are organically farmed.

VINIFICATION

La Côte aux Enfants is aged for 8 months in small oak barrels. The 2012 vintage of La Côte aux Enfants has superb aging potential.

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