



CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1829

Rosé Non-Vintage

Champagne, France

ESTATE

Bollinger is an icon in Champagne, all the more remarkable because its reputation rests entirely on the quality of its extraordinarily distinct Champagnes. Very simply, Bollinger is the outlier. The rigorous, obsessive attention to detail and preservation of artisanal, almost absurdly labor-intensive practices, makes Bollinger both a guardian of the past and, as we see with each passing year, the beacon of the future.

WINE

In the same way that Special Cuvée stands apart from non-vintage Champagnes, Bollinger Rosé is an exception for Rosé champagnes. What is more, it is a relative secret, as Bollinger did not release a non-vintage Rosé until 2008 and the quantity produced is quite limited. The wine begins as Special Cuvée and then Bollinger's specialty as the Pinot Noir producer in Champagne takes center stage, as the red fruits that join the conversation dance vibrantly, the finish has just a hint of perfectly ripe tannin, and the deep complexity of the wine shines through transparently. As Bollinger's Pinot Noir is so powerful, only 5-6% of still red wine is added (less than half of typical Rosé champagnes).

VINEYARD

Soils: The Bollinger vineyards cover 405 acres, providing roughly 60% of their product. 85% of the grapes are sourced from Grand Cru and Premier Cru villages.

Farming: Sustainable wine growing by grassing over the ground, using biological pest control, reducing the use of herbicides, recycling pruning waste, and planting hedges and orchards to encourage biodiversity.

Grape Varieties: 62% Pinot Noir, 24% Chardonnay and 14% Meunier.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: A remarkable 30% vinified in used oak of 228 liters and 400 liter casks up to 40 years old.

Aging: 30-36 months on the lees, with the final blend consisting of approximately 50% reserve wines ranging from 5-15 years. Aged 8 months in barrel after red wine is added.

Dosage: 7-8 grams per liter.



JAMES SUCKLING

"This marries a dash (5%) of still red wine from the Bollinger vineyards with the house's stalwart, complex non-vintage cuvée to fine effect. It has playful red florals and citrus fruits on the nose with freshly grilled hazelnuts, wild berries and spiced-berry biscuits. Actually, it smells superb! The palate offers plenty of concentrated red-apple and bright light-cherry fruit flavors amid a balanced and lively frame. A Champagne that finishes smooth and fresh. Brilliant take on a fresher style."