

CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER

Known around the world for powerful, polished Champagnes that are among the greatest of both Non-Vintage and Vintage Champagnes produced, any of the fundamentals to their approach and production would be special, but when taken altogether are utterly unique.



La Côte aux Enfants 2014

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

A stunning and extremely rare still red wine produced only in the greatest vintages. This wine harmoniously combines 100% Pinot Noir Grand Cru fruit from an exceptional vineyard with traditional Burgundian style winemaking. Historically, Pinot Noirs from Aÿ were the most popular wines of the French court, specifically a favorite of King Henri IV, and La Côte aux Enfants comes from a steep plot just outside of the village. This wine is the purest expression of Pinot Noir, offering a fine, delicate texture in the mouth and it a beautifully long finish.

VINEYARD

100% Pinot Noir Grand cru from a single vineyard in Aÿ. Beginning in the early 20th century, Bollinger started to acquire more than 50 differently owned plots and now owns all four hectares of this legendary vineyard *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.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Fermentation: Traditional Burgundian style of winemaking

Aging: 8 months in small oak barrels.

Alcohol: 12%

VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage of this single vineyard expression shows great aging potential. A dry September protected the crop from a cooler, wet August. The harvest yielded fruit with rich, concentrated flavors and structure.

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JEB DUNNUCK

"All Pinot Noir and bottled as a dry, still wine, the 2014 La Cote Aux Enfants comes from a steep single vineyard just outside of the village of Aÿ and spent eight months in small barrels before bottling. Offering a stunning bouquet of ripe cherry and strawberry fruits, it has classic Burgundian spice and dried flower aromatics, medium-bodied richness, moderate tannins, and a rounded, supple texture that offers nicely integrated acidity. It picks up more sappy, floral notes with time in the glass and is just an ethereal, elegant, complex Coteaux Champenois that will benefit from a year or two of bottle age and keep for a decade."

- JEB DUNNUCK, 3/2020