

Champagne Pierre Moncuit

Le Mesnil-sur-Oger



“This important domain is a sure source for the very consensual production of blanc de blancs which are a little more supple and quicker ready to drink than the majority of the wines from Mesnil, but which still bring all the finesse and purity of this exceptional terroir. The Cuvée Hugues de Coulmet comes from the vines of Sézanne and possesses, obviously, in spite of its real qualities, less finesse and race than the grands crus. Very old vines in the heart of Mesnil produce a very small volume of the most magnificent blanc de blancs imaginable, the Cuvée Nicole Moncuit.”

Bettane & Dessauve’s Grand Guide des Vins de France 2008

NV Hugues de Coulmet

“Moncuit’s entry-level brut is currently made of pure 2005: it’s flowery and fresh, with aromas of apricot, peach and Bartlett pear, and while it remains tense and lively on the palate, its rounded depth and slightly earthy soil signature clearly demonstrate its Sézannais origins. I like the clarity of expression here, and even more importantly, it’s simply delicious to drink.”

Peter Liem, ChampagneGuide.net (rated one-half of three stars; last tasted 10/08)

The following have also reviewed this wine:

- 92 points-Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar (November 2008)
- 90 points-Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate (#180)
- 92 points-Alison Napjus, The Wine Spectator, (May 2011)

NV Moncuit-Delos

“Like the Hugues de Coulmet, this is pure 2005, but this comes entirely from the village of Le Mesnil-sur-Oger. The Mesnil character is immediately evident on the nose, with a finely incisive chalkiness infusing the flavors of fresh lemon, green apple and grapefruit peel. It’s sleek and vibrant, feeling tightly-wound but not austere, and its purity and clarity are very expressive of the terroir.”

Peter Liem, ChampagneGuide.net (rated one of three stars; last tasted 10/08)

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- 92 points-John Gilman, View from the Cellar, #34 (July-August 2011)
- 91 points-Alison Napjus, The Wine Spectator (May 2011)
- 92 points-Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, Issue 36 (4th quarter, 2009)

2002 Brut Millésimée

“The flowery fragrance and fine clarity of fruit are classic for 2002, and while the ripe aromas of white peach, apricot and tropical citrus are full and energetic, everything feels tightly controlled and impeccably balanced. I love the structure here, chalky minerality and acidity intertwining to bind the fruit flavors in a sleekly kinetic fuselage of racy tension. It’s still youthful and nervy, needing time to settle down, and the finish is still stern and a little austere, which is exactly as it should be with a young Mesnil. It has a lot of potential, and deserves to be aged further in the cellar for another decade at least.”

Peter Liem, ChampagneGuide.net (rated two of three stars; last tasted 10/08)

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