Piper-Heidsieck,

Vintage 2012

Champagne, France





Grape Varieties	52% Pinot Noir
	48% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Émilien Boutillat
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12%
Residual Sugar	9.9g/L
Acidity	6.9g/L
Wine pH	3.02
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

With a long and varied history dating back to its beginnings in 1785 when it was created by Florens-Louis Heidsieck, Piper-Heidsieck is one of Champagne's most well-known yet underestimated houses. From being a favourite of Marilyn Monroe (who claimed she liked a glass to wake up in the morning) to being the first ever bottle of Champagne to feature in a movie (the 1933 Laurel and Hardy film 'Sons of the Desert'), it has long links to the world of cinema.

Presided over by a roll call of Champagne's most admired winemakers, the quality of the wines never fails to shine at international competitions - at the 2022 International Wine and Spirit Competition the House was awarded the Sparkling Wine Producer Trophy, while the 2022 International Wine Challenge saw the Non-Vintage Classic Blend Trophy awarded to the Essentiel Cuvée Réservée en Magnum. The House's winemakers have won Sparkling Winemaker of the Year at the IWC more than any other house. Chef de Cave Émilien Boutillat is the current custodian, his philosophy is simple: preserving the quality, elegance and generosity of style that has always characterised the Piper-Heidsieck wines. In 2022, Piper-Heidsieck joined the International Wineries for Climate Action and became B-Corp Certified, two achievements that recognise the entire ecosystem of Champagne production and demonstrate the House's commitment towards a more environmentally friendly future.

VINEYARDS

The vineyards are located in Montagne de Reims, Côte des Blancs, Aube and Vallée de la Marne.

VINIFICATION

First fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks. Once complete, the wines were racked and underwent full malolactic fermentation. After blending, the wine was bottled with selected yeasts added. The wine was kept on lees for five years before disgorgement, where a dosage of 9.5g/l was added. The bottles were allowed to rest for 12 months before release.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is golden in colour with fresh aromas of lime and tangerines and a hint of almond. On the palate, there are notes of pomegranate, ripe black cherry, blueberries and honey. It has a refreshing acidity with a long, silky finish.

AWARDS

International Wine Challenge 2022, Silver Champagne & Sparkling Wine World Championships '20, Silver International Wine Challenge 2020, Gold