

Charles Heidsieck,  
**Rosé Millésimé 2018**  
Champagne, France



Grape Varieties	<b>59% Pinot Noir</b> <b>41% Chardonnay</b>
Winemaker	<b>Elise Losfelt</b>
Closure	<b>Natural Cork</b>
ABV	<b>12%</b>
Acidity	<b>5.4g/L</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Vegetarian, Vegan</b>

## PRODUCER

Charles Heidsieck is one of the most admired Champagne houses thanks to the unrivalled and consistently high quality of its reserve wines. Founded in 1851 by the man who would become known as 'Champagne Charlie', this family-owned house is the smallest of the Grandes Marques. Their size, and commitment to excellence, has been underpinned by a winemaking team that between them have been named 'Sparkling Winemaker of the Year' at the International Wine Challenge 16 times.

## VINEYARDS

This rosé was made from a selection of 11 Grand and Premier Crus across Champagne. The Chardonnay was picked from Oger, Cuis, Chouilly and Vertus - all mainstays in the classic Charles Heidsieck blends. Key vineyards for the Pinot Noir were Avenay, Tauxières, Ambonnay, Verzy, and Ay.

## VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage was marked by challenging but ultimately rewarding conditions. Despite heavy rains and stormy spring weather, followed by a hot, dry summer, the vines were able to thrive. Maturity developed rapidly, and the grapes were healthy, with minimal rot and excellent sanitary conditions. The high yields allowed winemakers to replenish reserves after a difficult 2017, and the resulting wines were fresh, fruity, and elegant.

## VINIFICATION

After the first fermentation, the wine was racked to separate the lees and then underwent malolactic fermentation to soften the natural acidity. 9% of the blend was vinified as a red wine. After blending, the cuvée was bottled and selected yeast added to begin the second fermentation. The bottles were placed in the cellar at a temperature of about 10°C to age for five years ahead of disgorgement in 2024.

## TASTING NOTES

In the glass, the 2018 rosé is an elegant, soft pink with a delicate bubble. The initial nose shows aromas of peony, pomegranate and subtle tea nuances. The palate is creamy and complex with notes of blood orange, raspberry and blackberry. The tannins are well structured and lead to a silky and long lasting finish.