

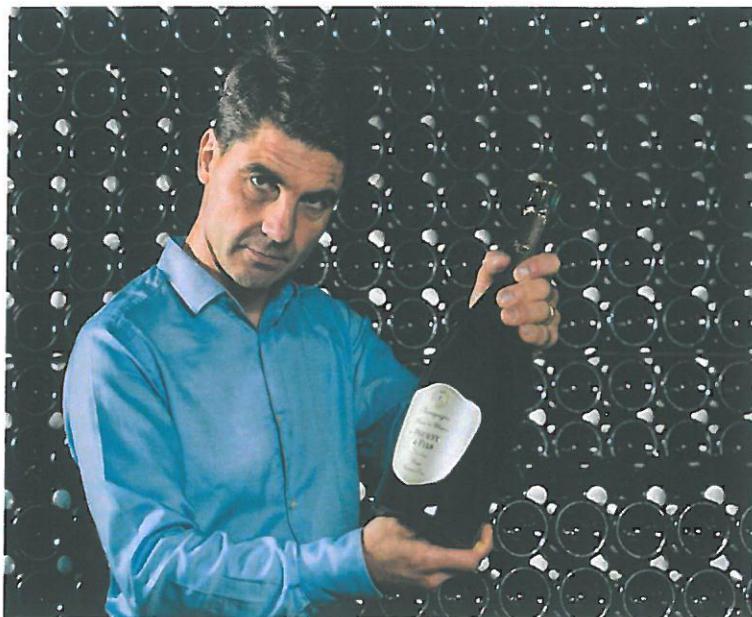
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Vinum



Charles Fourny



Emmanuel Fourny

VEUVE FOURNY

PRÉCISION ET INSPIRATION

avec Charles et Emmanuel Fourny

Il était une fois une veuve talentueuse et ses deux fils, Charles et Emmanuel. Plus vivants que jamais, ils perpétuent la tradition, fabriquant de grands vins avec brio. Grâce à leur talent, Veuve Fourny compte parmi les plus grands producteurs de vin de la région.

Le regard noir, Charles n'a pas sa tête des bons jours. Un carton qui n'a rien à faire ici est en travers de son chemin. On notera que lorsqu'il s'agit de vin et de précision, son seuil de tolérance diminue considérablement, balayant l'image du gentil jeune homme qu'on lui prête habituellement. « C'est vrai », concède-t-il avec un sourire, « vous n'êtes pas les premiers à le remarquer. Notre mère est originaire de Belgique, elle nous a appris la rigueur. » « Et par mémoire pour notre père, nous devons donner chaque jour le meilleur de nous-mêmes pour tendre vers la perfection absolue », ajoute son frère Emmanuel avec un sérieux inhabituel. Charles : « Tout le monde peut faire du vin. Le raisin n'a besoin de personne pour fermenter. Par contre, mettre en bouteille un vin élaboré avec précision et inspiration, c'est une autre histoire. »

Le fait que les deux frères Fourny n'aient pas choisi la première voie s'offrant à eux, la plus facile, n'est pas une évidence. Lorsqu'ils se sont lancés dans les affaires pour aider leur mère après la mort prématurée de leur

père, presque personne ne connaissait la marque. Veuve Fourny était juste une des nombreuses petites entreprises fabriquant du bon vin, qui menaçaient de se perdre dans un océan d'autres bons vins. Charles et Emmanuel ne pouvaient se satisfaire de cette situation.

Au lieu de travailler avec des vins de base provenant de toute la Champagne, ils se sont délibérément limités aux meilleurs crus de Vertus et de la Côte des Blancs. Si Vertus, où le Chardonnay, mais aussi le Pinot noir sont particulièrement intéressants, est passé d'un cru méconnu à une position de premier rang, que les connaisseurs assimilent depuis longtemps à un Grand Cru, c'est notamment grâce au talent des deux frères Fourny. Aujourd'hui, non seulement ils sont les grands maîtres de rosés insolites, mais leur large gamme de terroir et d'assemblages compte parmi les meilleurs vins que la Champagne puisse offrir. Et si pour cela, il faut un regard noir de temps en temps, on les pardonne.

Champagne Mailly**Magnum 1997****19 points | 2018 to 2020**

1997 was a good vintage but not really a great one – but this stunning magnum cuvée is the exception. Mature yet vibrant, full-bodied but still particularly spirited, immensely fruity, imposing, with a wonderfully lingering juicy finish of prune and cake notes.

**Champagne Piper Heidsieck****Magnum Rare 1998****19 points | 2018 to 2019**

The maturation process in a magnum provides particular roundness, serenity and refinement. This holds true for this gloriously decadent wine with tempting mature notes of cocoa, truffle, hazelnut, butter pastry and candied fruit, and its creamy elegant style.

**Champagne Pol Roger****Sir Winston Churchill 2006****19 points | 2018 to 2020**

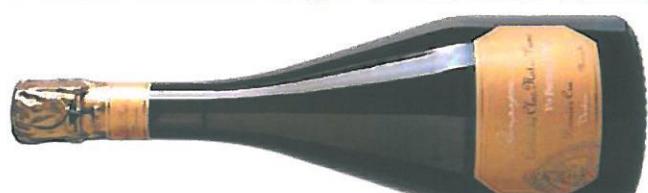
Huge aromatic complexity with exotic fruit notes, as well as stone fruit, spice and cardamom aromas, particularly stylish and elegant on the palate, creamy, lascivious yet astonishingly consistent and endlessly lingering, one of the hits of the vintage. Absolutely delicious.

**Champagne René Geoffroy****Brut Nature – Les Houtrants Complantés****19 points | 2018**

Petit Meslier, Meslier and Alabane supplement Pinot and Chardonnay in this wine. The whole is complex yet harmonious, rounded and ripe, very fruity with mirabelle plum, persimmon, red apple and blackberry notes. A road map for the champagnes of the future. Just 1000 bottles produced.

**Champagne Veuve Fourny et Fils****Cuvée du Clos Notre Dame****19 points | 2019 to 2022**

Stunningly complex with peach, grapefruit, gooseberry and pastry spice aromas, very dense, hugely spirited and long on the palate with a lingering bitter almond finish, a magnificent wine perfect with a lobster salad.

***The trump card of diversity***

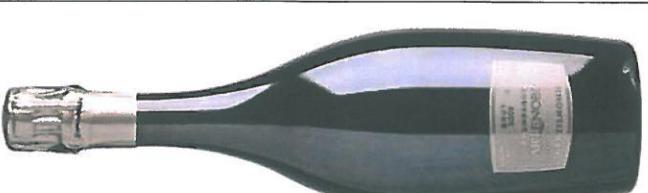
The range of champagnes delighting enthusiasts is becoming increasingly colourful and broad. The following pages set out the most beautiful, exciting, original cuvées currently available. We have listed them alphabetically by producer and in order of score.

Champagne Agrapart & Fils**Avizoise - Robarts - Gros Yeux - Extra Brut****17 points | 2018 to 2019**

This zero dosage wine, matured in oak and made from Grand Cru Avize old vines, is compelling even in this complicated vintage (elegant with perfectly integrated oak, straightforward and very authentic) – we are eagerly awaiting its development!

**Champagne AR Lenoble****Gentilhomme 2009****18.5 points | 2018 to 2020**

Discreet, flawless rancio spice, mint, eucalyptus, cloves and cocoa aromas, again utterly top quality on the palate, full but not clumsy, spicy but not plump, immensely long with a sophisticated bitter note, a wine for connoisseurs or even fans of the unusual.



Champagne Tarlant**BAM!****17.5 points | 2018 to 2021**

Dazzlingly fresh and light, driven by acidity yet very sophisticated, flawless, exceptionally made, with exotic fruit, pineapple and lime aromas; the pleasure of being able to taste three old varieties in this blend is alone worth the price.

**Champagne Thiénot****La Vigne aux Gamins 2005****17.5 points | 2017 to 2018**

Astonishingly youthful for the vintage with a reticent curry bouquet, elegant and lascivious structure, slender with good length and an interesting, complex finish. Best as a dignified aperitif or with light, creative dishes.

**Champagne Thiénot****Cuvée Garance 2008****17 points | 2018 to 2022**

The idiosyncratic bouquet of a developing wine which is undergoing radical change, offering porcini mushroom and humus notes, powerful structure, very vinous, good length, still has potential. Should be laid down for a little while longer.

**Champagne Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin****Millésime 2008****17.5 points | 2018 to 2022**

The most closed but also the most promising vintage wine we have ever tasted from this producer: particularly vinous, transparent yet intense, juicy, with reserved dosage and a wonderful finish reminiscent of pomelo and grapefruit. Just reaching the beginning of its drinking window.

**Champagne Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin****Extra Brut, Extra Old****17 points | 2018 to 2020**

Producers who choose to go mostly or entirely without dosage do well to leave their champagnes maturing on the lees for longer: the particularly interesting results which this creates are also illustrated by this exceptionally sleek, crystal clear cuvée with a lingering grapefruit finish.

**Champagne Veuve Fourny et Fils****Rosé "les Rougesmonts"****18 points | 2018 to 2022**

The complex bouquet of a young Burgundy with spice and red berry notes, genuinely like a red wine on the palate, lively and intense, particularly spirited, still very youthful, exceptionally characterful, one of Champagne's genuinely great wines.

**Champagne Veuve Fourny et Fils****Monts de Vertus 2011****17.5 points | 2018 to 2019**

A tempting exotic fruit bouquet, immensely juicy on the palate, crisp and fresh, particularly long with an elegant, barely perceptible bitter note, a wonderful wine best enjoyed with creative cuisine.

**Champagne Veuve Fourny et Fils****Rosé Vinothèque 2011****17.5 points | 2018 to 2020**

Superb bouquet of pastry and red berries, lean on the palate, perfectly ripe, elegant yet very spirited and lingering, an impressive rosé, very sophisticated.



Champagne Veuve Fourny et Fils**Brut Nature Blanc de Blancs****17 points | 2018 to 2019**

Everything that the Fourny brothers touch turns to gold, as once again demonstrated by this zero dosage wine: reticent starfruit and green apple notes, crystal clear structure, slender, sinewy, spirited, uncomplicatedly good.

**Champagne Veuve Fourny et Fils****Rosé Premier Cru****17 points | 2018 to 2019**

Tempting red cherry bouquet, very Burgundian in its expression, this rosé is also particularly sophisticated and perhaps a little more accessible, fruity with dosage that is perceptible but does not disrupt, even if we do prefer the Extra Brut.

**Champagne Veuve Fourny et Fils****R Extra Brut L'Opulence****16.5 points | 2018 to 2019**

Bears its name with brio: despite its low dosage, this wine is particularly fruity, full-bodied, juicy and impressively long, with a crisp red and green apple finish. Enjoy with flavourful dishes.

**Champagne Vollereaux****Célébration****16.5 points | 2018**

One of the many pleasant surprises from this tasting, which did not exactly have a shortage of noteworthy wines: particularly sophisticated, elegant, airy, joyous, a truly celebratory wine devoted to the lightness of being. A bargain.

**Champagne Vollereaux****Cuvée Marguerite 2008****16.5 points | 2017 to 2018**

Intense rancio notes of bread crust, cocoa and pepper, a well-balanced and refined structure, medium length, easily good value for money: enjoy now with light exotic dishes.

**Champagne Waris Larmandier****Ses Arts****16.5 points | 2018 to 2019**

Interesting herb and blossom bouquet, mineral, airy, slender and fresh, a juicy finish with lime notes. Fun. For aperitifs and tête-à-têtes.

**Champagne Waris Larmandier****Particules Crayeuses****16 points | 2018 to 2019**

A refreshing, joyous, light sparkling wine with a distinct expression of terroir, rather too high a dosage for our palate, but pleasant. For all occasions. Well priced.



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Champagne Piper Heidsieck

Rosé Sauvage

16 points | 2018

The raspberry bouquet is already virtually hollering, but on the palate it is impetuous and juicy with perceptible yet appropriate dosage, the perfect beginner's rosé for a bar.



Champagne Piper Heidsieck

Essentiel – Cuvée Réservée

16 points | 2018

Temptingly fruity with fresh herb notes, a transparent structure, perfect balance and good length, very elegant and harmonious, best enjoyed as an aperitif with nibbles. Exceptionally made.



Champagne Pol Roger

Réserve

17 points | 2018

Bruts come as much into play as least as much as top champagnes when we assess a house's quality. Pol Roger's BSA is exquisite: elegant, serene, complex, creamy, stylish. For stylish infatuation.



Champagne Taittinger

Brut Réserve

16 points | 2018

We like the fruity, tempting bouquet, transcendent elegance and particular airiness of this exceptionally made, stylish Brut. Pleasant.



Champagne Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin

Brut

16 points | 2018

Despite the large quantities in which it is made, this remains a safe bet if you are interested in a Brut: fruity with red apple notes, hugely clean, juicy on the palate, appealing and dense with the depth it needs, perfect with nibbles or a light meal, and could even accompany cheese.



Champagne Veuve Fourny et Fils

Blanc de Blancs Brut

17 points | 2018 to 2020

A tempting bouquet of exotic fruit and blossom with starfruit notes, crystal clear on the palate, slender and sinewy, very lingering, light, elegant, a wonderful wine best enjoyed with fish and seafood.

