

Champagne Le Mesnil Brut BLANC de BLANC GRAND CRU

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Champagne that prolongs life!

Le Mesnil-sur Oger is a lovely little Grand Cru village (only 17 villages in the Champagne region are entitled to this category) about 20 km south of Epernay in the heart of the Côte des Blancs. The village has one of Champagne's best cooperatives called Le Mesnil. It was founded in 1937 and most of the production goes on to the more famous Champagne houses. Thankfully, they produce about 100,000 bottles a year for their own brands.

I have had the great pleasure to visit the cooperative several times and can highly recommend a visit. You are always welcomed with great hospitality and get a perfect chance to test their range. In my opinion, the quality of their Champagnes has increased substantially in recent years, which is excellent. I think this is characterized well when I tested their vintage champagne in 2004 compared with their Grand Cru "Blanc de Blanc" Le Mesnil Brut which is a blend of the latest vintages.

Scoring a 95 w/ **California Wine Advisors** "Le Mesnil achieves a striking balance of deliciously finessed fruit flavor and the most captivating 'tiny bubbles' we've found at a wine at this price."

Houlberg Wine Blog: This champagne has a lovely fragrance of citrus flowers and delicate minerals. The taste is heavenly good with great elegance and rich body of citrus, minerals and a yummy nougat ending. To test how a very well-made Blanc de Blancs tastes, this Champagne is an excellent benchmark. A super bargain if you buy it at the cooperative. This is, in my opinion, the best standard Champagne I have tried to date. A Champagne that makes you immortal ... and I will be first in line when they release their 2008 vintage Champagne in a few years!" - giving a 5 thumbs up, top tier score in his system.

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