



# VALLÉE - AŸ, GRAND CRU - NV DE LUXE

## WINERY

Born in Champagne in a grower's family, Juliette Alips rapidly found her passion. With the mentorship of her close cousins, Raphaël and Vincent Bérêche, she discovered and learned all the ins and outs of producing champagne, from farming, to vinification, tasting and blending. Now, with the help of her two cousins, she is starting this new adventure with Domaine Les Monts Fournois. Located in the north part of the Montagne de Reims, in the sub-area called La Grande Montagne, the Premier Cru Les Monts Fournois will be the focus of the domaine.

### WINE

Le Domaine les Monts Fournois is presenting here this cuvée after a rigorous and precise search for the best terroirs of Premier and Grand Crus in Champagne. With these wines we would like to highlight the real expression of a terroir, a varietal and a vintage. These Crus have been sélectionnés by Juliette Alips and her cousins Raphaël & Vincent Bérêche.

### **VINEYARDS**

AŸ is the most historically esteemed Champagne village, for the exceptional quality of its wine. Sunny and chalky, AŸ reflects the junction of different soils, chalky and rocky, generally south facing. AŸ is a unique appellation with various folds, exposition and elevations in its landscape as well as its proximity to the Marne River.

# CRUS SÉLECTIONNÉS

After Juliette and her cousins select the cuvée by blind tasting with a broker, the family will purchase the entire lot of Champagne from the producer. Juliette will then proceed with a series of disgorgement and liqueur de tirage trials in the cellar using Rectified Concentrated Must (RCM) for its homogenous and neutral flavors, in order to highlight the terroir. Once the dosage has been made, the samples will return to the cellar for 6 months before being released to the market.

### TASTING NOTES

With fine autumnal notes, the balance is brilliant. The first nose is enveloping and reassuring. This AY is a wine of fullness. The richness of the Pinots Noir is marked by a beautiful maturity. The fruit is generous. This NV de Luxe reflects the great terroir of AY, the wine is generous, long and even salty. The finish is long, with a hint of spice.

### VINEYARD

Region: Champagne

Sub-region: Vallée de la Marne

Village: Aÿ Grand Cru

Soil: Chalk, with rocks

**Exposure**: South facing

Eco-Practices: Sustainable

### WINEMAKING

Varietals: 85% Pinot Noir,

15% Chadonnay

Malolactic

Fermentation: 100%

Aging: 9 years on the lees

Tirage: April 12, 2013

Disgorgement: October 2023 - "Fruit day"

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 12.5% Total Acidity: 4.6 g/L

Dosage: 3.4 g/L