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Wines of People, Place and Time*

CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER

La Grande Année Rosé 2005



93 POINTS



If the salmon/orange doesn't grab your attention, the generous spicy gingerbread and brioche nose will. Citrus drenched cherries and redcurrants mark the fruit that seemed to jump out of the glass with bubbles. This is a dinner wine that is big enough to suit most birds or Asian foods. If dessert is your game, the winery suggests rhubarb and red berry crumble. The wine is a 72/28 blend of pinot noir and chardonnay and 95 percent Grand Cru fruit. It is cellared for twice the required time, and bears a modest dosage of 7 grams per liter. A must for rosé champagne lovers. Champagne Bollinger was established in 1829 by Jacques Bollinger and Paul Renaudin. Mme Lily Bollinger played a key role in the company's development between 1941 and 1977. Today it is managed by her great-nephew, Ghislain de Montgolfier. The style, while always muscular with body, depth and power, has changed of late. There is a new finesse here adding to the appeal of what was already one of the best sparkling wine producers on the planet. Some 70 percent of the grapes come from the firm's own vineyards, and uniquely some 80 percent of the harvest is barrel-fermented, with the wines being kept on their yeast lees for an extended period of time – as much as a decade for the R.D.



About Gismondi on Wine

Anthony Gismondi is one of North America's most influential wine critics. Both a writer and broadcaster he is currently in his 25th year as wine columnist at the Vancouver Sun where his twice weekly wine columns and videos are seen by one million readers a week. His comprehensive and busy wine review website www.gismondionwine.com features over 20,000 tasting notes and attracts over a half million visitors a month from some 70 countries. He is also the co-host of the longest running, weekly, wine and food show in Canadian radio: The Best of Food and Wine. The show airs in prime time every Thursday evening from 6-7pm Pacific on CISL 650am.

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