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CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER

Vieilles Vignes Françaises 2009

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Bollinger's 2009 Vieilles Vignes Françaises is tightly wound and reserved, which is quite surprising given the warm, dry weather of the vintage. That won't be a problem in time, of course, but readers should plan on being patient. With a few hours of air, apricot, plum, spice, dried cherry and candied orange peel start to appear, but the 2009 remains rather taut. In some years, VVF can be quite opulent, 2002 and 2010 come to mind. The 2009, on the other hand is much more vibrant. I wouldn't plan on opening a bottle anytime soon. VVF remains one of the most compelling wines – still or sparkling – in the world. It emerges from ungrafted Pinot Noir vines in Aÿ's Chaudes Terres and Clos St. Jacques lieu-dits and is vinified and aged in barrel. Dosage is 4 grams per liter.

- Antonio Galloni, November 2020

About Vinous

Vinous is our vision of a modern-day wine media platform that places consumers inside the conversation and encourages them to form their own opinions. Vinous brings together professional reviews, the stories behind the wines and the perspectives of our readers in over 55 countries using multimedia and leading edge technology. We visit hundreds of wineries each year, allowing us to offer unparalleled, first-hand insight into the world of wine. Since launching in May 2013, Vinous has become one of the fastest growing wine content websites in the world. Regular features include comprehensive reviews of new releases from the world's major wine regions, vertical tastings and retrospectives, in-depth videos shot on location, Vinous Favorites - our top picks under \$25, Cellar Favorites - which features older wines, and Vinous Table, where we profile our top eating and drinking destinations. In November 2014, Vinous announced its acquisition of Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar. Please also see the Frequently Asked Questions.

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