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Champagne Pol Roger Brut 1998, France

To drink or to keep? That is just one dilemma with this sublime fizz from Pol Roger (and indeed with the equally excellent Brut Chardonnay 98). The blend is one that Pol has used for years, namely 60 per cent Chardonnay and 40 per cent Pinot Noir drawn from around 20 Grand and Premier Cru vineyards in the Montagne de Reims, Vallée de la Marne and Côtes des Blancs. It's toasty and refined, with hints of crystallised pineapple and citrus fruit, and a long buttery finish. A second poser is whether to serve it with food or without – it would be a star in both roles. Drink 2006-2103



92 points