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THE « CUVÉE »

Since its 175th anniversary, Pol Roger has decided to offer a very limited range of older vintages from its iconic cuvées. After the original disgorgement, these bottles were then returned to the famously deep and cool Pol Roger cellars for additional extended maturation where they have rested undisturbed until their release. Not only do these bottles have a label, cap and collar based on a historic Pol Roger design, they also have been dressed by hand and arrive in an elegant wooden box.

The Sir Winston Churchill Cuvée was created in 1975 as a tribute to the "Old Lion", using the qualities he appreciated in champagne : robustness, structure and maturity. Whilst its exact composition is a secret guarded by family members, it is undeniable that it is based on a formula of which its dedicatee would have approved : "My tastes are simple, I am easily satisfied with the best". Made exclusively with grapes from the Grands Crus of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay already in production during the Churchill era, this cuvée is only produced in the very best vintages. The predominance of Pinot Noir unquestionably ensures structure, fullness and robustness, while Chardonnay lends elegance, finesse and freshness. Produced in limited quantities, this cuvée has matured for 10 years prior to disgorgement.

VINIFICATION & MATURATION

Once harvested, the grapes were quickly and gently pressed. A first settling was carried out at the pressing centre, followed by a second cold settling in our winery. Alcoholic fermentation took place at low temperature in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats, where the grape varieties and crus were vinified separately before final blending. Malolactic fermentation was carried out as for all our wines. After tasting, blending and bottling, the wine was aged in our cool, 33-metre-deep cellars. All the Vinotheque bottles went through hand riddling (remuage) in the traditional way before disgorgement and dosage.

TASTING NOTES

Beautiful deep gold hue with hints of copper and fine bubbles. On the nose, candied yellow fruits mingle with subtle notes of hazelnut liqueur, fruit jellies and aged cognac. On the palate, the aromas echo those found on the nose. The structure of this very smooth and vinous wine is tight yet sumptuous. Presented in a historic vintage, this Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill has fully benefited from its ageing in the Champagne House's deep cellars, gaining greater depth to become the full-bodied, well-structured wine it is today. Cellar master Damien Cambres describes it as three-dimensional, combining delicacy, power and length.



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