

# CHAMPAGNE DOSNON

## Récolte Rosé Brut

### THE ESTATE

A model for the future of small, artisanal Champagne houses, Champagne Dosnon is the brainchild of Davy Dosnon who grew up in a beautiful region of rolling hills, wheat fields, and vineyards. Davy studied viticulture and worked in top Burgundy wine houses before moving back to the village of Lingey in the Côte des Bar region of Champagne for the peace and quiet and to begin to reassemble his family's ancestral vineyards.

The Côte des Bar is located in the southernmost area of Champagne in the Pays d'Aube. Politically and geologically, this sub-zone is as far as you can get from Reims and Épernay. When

Champagne's original borders were drawn, there was a lively debate on whether or not the Aube should be included. Here the terroir is starkly different from northern Champagne and its famed chalky soils. In the Aube, the terroir resembles that of Chablis – clay over Kimmeridgian and Portlandian limestone. These soils produce wines of great delineation, power, and purity.

Davy farms 7.5 hectares of vines situated just half an hour north of Chablis. He owns just 2 hectares himself, and he leases the remaining. The wines of Dosnon are masterfully mineral, vinous bottlings of Chardonnay and Pinot. Fermenting entirely in former Puligny-Montrachet barrels, these champagnes might as well be Chablis with bubbles for all their mineral-packed goodness. Dosages are very low (if at all), and the wines benefit from the restraint. None of his wines are fined or filtered.



### THE DETAILS

The base wine for the Récolte Rosée is Pinot Noir with a little Pinot Meunier to give its salmon-pink hue. Meunier is not widely planted in the Aube, but Davy feels that it brings a spicy fruitiness to his Rosé. The base wine is fermented and aged in used Puligny-Montrachet barrels followed by 2 years aging *sur lattes* with a dosage of 5g/L. It bears all the hallmarks of the Dosnon style – pure, focused, intensely mineral but with a precise, spicy, red-fruit and orange peel lift to the flavors.

#### COUNTRY

France

#### APPELLATION

Champagne

#### ELEVATION

250 meters

#### VARIETIES

Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier

#### SOIL

Kimmeridgian limestone

#### VINE AGE

25 years old

#### FARMING

Sustainable

#### FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, manual press, fermented in used 228L Puligny-Montrachet barrels, second and third fill

#### AGING

2 years minimum *sur latte*, 30% reserve wine aged in barrel, 5g/L dosage

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