HOUSE OF TOWNEND

Bollinger La Grande Année 2018

Usual Price	£175.00
Discount Price (inc. VAT)	£150.00
Code	BOLL195

Cuvée La Grande Année is only produced in great vintages, when the berries are perfectly balanced. 2018 was an exceptional year that has produced a lively and generous wine, characterised by its elegance and finesse, with a rich bouquet of ripe fruit and floral notes, followed by a long, smooth finish. La Grande Année 2018 is a blend of 19 crus, mainly from Verzenay, Aÿ, and Mareuil-sur-Aÿ for the 66% Pinot Noir, and Chouilly and Cuis for the 34% Chardonnay.



Tasting Notes:

A golden yellow color, reflecting the wine's maturity, but also Bollinger's winemaking methods. The initial nose bursts with fresh citrus and Granny Smith apple, enhanced by notes of orchard fruits: white peach, apricot, and mirabelle plum. When aerated, fresh almond comes through amid aromas of breadcrumbs and acacia honey. This aromatic harmony is organized around a beautiful central theme, where citrus and mineral notes mingle with a delicate touch of white peony. A structured and balanced palate, revealing notes of stewed fruit and quince. The texture gradually mellows, offering a creamy effervescence.

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Specification	
Vinification	Fermentation takes place entirely in oak barrels and maturation occurs under cork, with aging in the cellar lasting more than twice as long as required by the appellation rules. The dosage is moderate at 6 grams per litre. Riddled and disgorged by hand.
ABV	12.5%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink now through to 2040
Country	France
Region	Champagne
Area	Aÿ
Type	Champagne
Grape Mix	66% Pinot Noir, 34% Chardonnay
Genres	Fine Wine
Vintage	2018
Style	Dry
Body	Rich, full flavoured and toasty
Producer	Bollinger
Producer Overview	The story began with Athanase de Villermont, the youngest son of a noble family with a brilliant destiny.
Closure Type	Cork