



## HOUSE OF TOWNEND

### Bollinger PN VZ19

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Price	£95.49
Code	BOLL175

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PN VZ19 is the fifth interpretation in a series that will be released every year, always with a focus on one of Bollinger's Pinot Noir crus, or villages. Each year the cuvee will be an expression of a different cru from the base year that highlights its distinctive terroir and taste. PN VZ19 highlights Verzenay (VZ) which makes up 40% of the blend with the balance from Aÿ, Avenay, Louvois, Mutigny & Tauxières. The blend features 52% from 2019 and 48% of Bollinger's reserve wines with the oldest from 2009.

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#### Tasting Notes:

Precise and vibrant, with an impressive mid-palate weight, this Champagne seamlessly integrates concentrated red apple and pink grapefruit flavours with layers of hazelnut and a toasty complexity. The finish is strikingly long and marked by a refined saline character. Whilst offering immediate drinking pleasure, its structure ensures graceful ageing in the bottle, promising even greater depth over time.

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Specification	
<b>Vinification</b>	2019 was a hot year which made for a hot, dry vintage. Alternating periods of hot and cold weather began in winter, with temperatures rising to 20°C in February. In April and May, spring frosts hit 1000ha of vineyards in Champagne, which mildly affected Bollinger's vineyards in Aÿ and Cuis. This spring weather gave way to rainy conditions, forcing the Maison's teams to be vigilant faced with the threat of mildew. Flowering was delayed by these changeable weather conditions, which were followed by heat waves and a record high temperature of 41°C on the 25th of July. Sunburned grape clusters reduced yields still further and drought conditions during August and September encouraged grapes to ripen quickly. Despite the difficult weather conditions throughout the year, the harvest was remarkable. Thanks to their crop of extremely healthy grapes, Bollinger could expect a beautifully ripe vintage which gave rise to a delicate, complex wine. More than 50% vinified in oak barrels. More than 50% vinified in oak barrels
<b>ABV</b>	12.5%
<b>Size</b>	75cl
<b>Drinking Window</b>	Drink now through to 2030
<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Region</b>	Champagne
<b>Area</b>	Aÿ
<b>Type</b>	Champagne
<b>Grapes</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Genres</b>	Sparkling
<b>Vintage</b>	2019
<b>Style</b>	Brut
<b>Body</b>	Refined, elegant and refreshing
<b>Producer</b>	Bollinger
<b>Producer Overview</b>	The story began with Athanase de Villermont, the youngest son of a noble family with a brilliant destiny.
<b>Closure Type</b>	Cork
<b>Food Matches</b>	Perfect as an aperitif or with a rich dish such as Iberian ham or foie gras.
<b>Press Comments</b>	Decanter, November 2024: "Baked apricot, scorched orange and soft raspberry, with tasty nougat, cocoa and dried pear ageing characters. A striking wine of persistent, tightly packed quality with terrific mid-term potential."