

Red Squirrel

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CHAMPAGNE A. LEVASSEUR NOIR DE TERROIR EXTRA BRUT NV

Grower: David Levasseur
Sub-region: Cuchery
Region: Champagne
Country: France
Grapes: Pinot Noir
Vintage: NV
Closure: Cork
Bottle size: 75cl

METHOD

Organic Pinot Noir from two specially selected small vineyards. In Cuchery, the Pinot vines of *L'Olivière*, or “the vines of the nephew’s mother”, were planted in 1990; meanwhile in Châtillon-sur-Marne there is *La Fontinette*, planted in 1998. All the grapes came from the 2011 harvest, and later cuvées will be declared as vintages. Vinified in small tanks, it has 4 grams of dosage and just 1,500 bottles made per year. All packaged up in labour-intensive rope ‘cages’ with wax stamps.

TASTING NOTES

Very distinctive aroma. Asparagus, rhubarb, nectarines and strawberries, some floral aroma of saffron, and autolytic aroma of baking spice. Structured and savoury on the palate, with a fine mousse, a hint of tannin and some redcurrant fruit. Astounding.

VICTUALS

Roast quail, spätzles and cranberry & redcurrant sauce, so says David