

CHAMPAGNE LALLIER

Aÿ, VALLÉE DE LA MARNE



The first bottle labels signed by Champagne LALLIER date back to 1906, when the Champagne house was founded by René LALLIER. In 1996, René-James Lallier, the founder's grandson, enlisted the help of Francis Tribaut, an advisor to some of the most prestigious names in Champagne.

Francis Tribaut is the heir to four generations of winemakers in the Marne, Champagne and a graduate of the Dijon School of Oenology. He purchased Champagne Lallier in 2004. 100% ownership of the company means Francis Tribaut has complete independence in decision-making.

Domaine LALLIER's vineyards cover just over 15 hectares of vines, most of which are Grand Cru and located in the Aÿ region. Estate vineyards provide 40% of its total supply. Francis Tribaut practices sustainable viticultural methods to protect and respect the environment. No pesticides are used.

In order to produce Champagnes of exceptional quality, LALLIER only vinifies the highest quality grape varieties: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

The Oger cellar contains a large number of temperature-controlled stainless steel vats in varying sizes, which allow different base wines to be kept separate throughout vinification so the wines to express their unique personality and terroir.

Francis Tribaut has been using home-made yeasts, sourced from Chardonnay grapes in the domaine's best parcel "Loridon" in the Aÿ Grand Cru since 2007.

Francis Tribaut selects the still wines which will or will not undergo malolactic fermentation, which guarantees that the champagnes will have excellent ageing potential. Reserve wine (20%) is incorporated into the blend in order to guarantee the intense, creamy taste. Liqueur dosage is kept as low as possible in order to respect the intrinsic qualities of each Champagne.

VALLEE DE MARNE is south of the Montagne de Reims looking down into a valley resulting from years of erosion by the Marne, Champagne's most significant river. Chalk, mostly belemnite is concentrated at the valley's eastern end, between Montagne de Reims to the north, and the Côte des Blancs to the south. There are two grand cru villages; Tours-sur-Marne, higher up the slope and Aÿ, host to offices of a leading Champagne houses. The vines run east, up the riverside and west, towards Dizy. The aspect is south and south-west facing.



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