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## « SINGLE VINEYARD » LINE



### **Lieu-Dit «Les Epinettes», Blanc De Noirs, Verzy Grand Cru, Millésime 2009, Extra Brut**

« Les Epinettes » is one of the historical parcels or « lieu-dit » of the Penet family, located in the heart of Verzy. North-West oriented, with a 3% slope on a chalky – limestone - soil, it is planted to Pinot Noir grapes only and is over 40 years old.

This unique cuvee, one of the very few Grand Cru Champagnes that are made from a single plot, represents the ultimate achievement of the Penet family's heritage and relentless search for the "holy grail" of the Terroirs of Verzy and Verzenay, supported by extensive viticultural research conducted more recently.

#### **The Ultimate Terroir Wine by Essence**

The wine, made from carefully selected grapes of "Les Epinettes" vineyard, represents Pinot Noir at its best from the noblest origin: very intense and complex on the nose, crisp yet rich on the palate. It is outstandingly long and mineral, true to the character of the chalky soil it stems from. Sharp, precise and powerful, it is the "race car" of Champagne, with tremendous personality and ageing potential

#### **A Classy and Exclusive Packaging Design**

The bottle is brown-colored with a special shape which improves the ageing potential of the wine even further.

The label design uses a specific, holographic paper with very precise and elegant embossments. The style is refined, classy yet authentic.

The back label is uniquely comprehensive and displays such information as the harvest date, the bottling date, the disgorgement date, as well as the QR code.

"Les Epinettes" is available in the market as a futures – on Primeur - , offering customers the possibility to pre-order the wine and choose the disgorgement date – therefore the ageing method - they prefer – under certain conditions.



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### Geographic Area:

Verzy-Grand Cru (Montagne de Reims), North-West oriented, with 3% slope.

Type of soil: Limestone with calcaric formations on top of primary, campanian-age chalk layer (Cretaceous epoch)

### Grape Varietals:

100% Pinot Noir

### Other Information:

Parcel Age: 40 years

Harvested : 16 September 2009

Vinification : In small steel vats, without malolactic, ageing on lees.

Bottled : 3 May 2010, in fewer than 3,000 bottles

Dosage : 4g/l (Disgorgement date mentioned on the back label)

For optimal ageing follow up and traceability, the disgorgement date is mentioned on the back label and the bottles are individually numbered.

### Food & Wine Pairing :

« Les Epinettes » is an outstandingly powerful and complex wine which will pair wonderfully with meat and lightly spiced dishes -eg Lebanese cuisine.

### Ratings...

Jancis Robinson, UK, 17/20, November 2015

Bettane & Desseauve, France, 18/20 - Septembre 2014

Gault & Millau, France, 16/20, Septembre 2013

