

CHAMPAGNE JEAUNAUX-ROBIN

“I was impressed by these releases from Jeaux-Robin, a producer in the Vallée du Petit Morin hitherto unknown to me. Their 5.7 hectares of vines are in the process of organic certification, and around a quarter of the base wines are fermented in used barrels, with the balance vinified in stainless steel. These are intense, flinty wines with the ripeness and concentration to sustain their low dosage, and I look forward to visiting soon.”



JEAUNAUX-ROBIN Extra Brut Éclats de Meulière || 90 points

“Disgorged in January 2018, the NV Extra Brut Éclats de Meulière opens in the glass with a gently reductive nose of smoky orchard fruit, wheat toast and iodine. On the palate, it’s medium to full-bodied, bright and incisive, with a ripe core of fruit underpinned by a tangy spine of acidity, concluding with a saline, mouthwatering finish.”



JEAUNAUX-ROBIN Extra Brut Le Talus de Saint Prix || 92 points

“Disgorged in March 2017 with just over five grams per liter dosage, the NV Extra Brut Le Talus de Saint Prix is beautifully expressive, bursting with aromas of yellow orchard fruit, acacia honey, dried white flowers and chamomile. On the palate, it’s medium to full-bodied, with a fleshy but succulent core of fruit, bright acids, a pinpoint mousse and a penetrating, distinctly mineral finish. This is another persuasive, beautifully integrated, Pinot Meunier-dominated cuvée from Jeaux-Robin.”



JEAUNAUX-ROBIN Brut Rosé Le Dessous de la Cabane || 92 points

“The latest rendition of Jeaux-Robin’s NV Brut Rosé Le Dessous de la Cabane is performing very well indeed, unwinding in the glass with notes of smoky blood orange, pomegranate and dried flowers. On the palate, it’s medium to full-bodied, with an ample but crisp core of fruit, ripe but tangy acids and terrific concentration, with a long, sapid and mouthwateringly direct finish. Composed of 75% Pinot Meunier (of which some 15% was still red wine), 20% Pinot Noir and 5% Chardonnay, it’s among the most compelling of these recent releases from this under-the-radar grower.”



JEAUNAUX-ROBIN Brut Nature Fil de Brume || 90 points

“Disgorged in March 2017 with no dosage, the NV Brut Nature Fil de Brume offers up a lively bouquet of lemon oil, smoky green apples and oyster shell and shows little discernible evolution despite its time on cork. On the palate, it’s medium to full-bodied, racy and incisive, built around a bright spine of ripe but assertive acidity, with a pinpoint mousse and a mouthwateringly chalky finish.”



JEAUNAUX-ROBIN Brut Les Grands Nots 2006 || 93+ points

“This recently disgorged bottle of the 2006 Brut Les Grands Nots unwinds in the glass with a pretty bouquet of crisp yellow orchard fruit, citrus oil, honeycomb and marzipan. On the palate, it’s full-bodied, broad and powerful, with a youthfully frothy mousse, surprisingly incisive acids for the vintage and a precise, saline finish. The combination of broad shoulders and tangy acidity bodes very well for its evolution, and a bottle I followed over several days only improved; indeed, I would love to try this again after the better part of a decade on cork. It’s a blend of equal parts Pinot Meunier, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the Vallée du Petit Morin, fermented together in small barrels before seeing at least ten years sur lattes.”

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