

Decanter Magazine, Sept. 2020, Yohan Castaing

Cuvée 743

This offers an elegant and toasty bouquet with pear, dried flowers and white fruit aromas. On the palate, this is a pure and clean Champagne with some delicacy and floral aspects. This cuvée is even more elegant with a bit of air. Grapes are sourced from Aÿ and Dizy (60% of the crop) and Avize and Oiry (the remaining 40%). No dosage. The base wine is from the 2015 vintage. 92 pts, Yohan Castaing, Decanter Magazine, Sept. 2020

Cuvée 738DT

Based on 2010 vintage, this possesses a stunning, yet complex bouquet of liquorice, apricot, smoke with menthol and fresh notes. With 96 months on lees, the palate is pure with a creamy texture, but perfectly balanced with remarkable overall precision. An excellent choice for drinking now and over the next few years. Disgorged in June 2019 and has a dosage of 0.75g/l. 94 pts, Yohan Castaing, Decanter Magazine, Sept. 2020

Avize Champ Cain

This has a sumptuous bouquet of mint and anise, pear and peach, flowers and mineral tones. With a bit of air, the bouquet possesses some orchard fruits and almond notes. The palate is elegantly fleshy, perfectly balanced with white fruit aromas, lots of minerality and a seemingly weightless finish. 100% Chardonnay. Dosage: 1.5g/l. Disgorged April 2019. 94 pts, Yohan Castaing, Decanter Magazine, Sept. 2020

Dizy Corne Bautray

A textbook wine for the 2009 vintage. With pear, white peach, flowers and touches of honey, the bouquet is complex, but what is especially captivating is the elegant mineral scent. The mouthful is remarkably fleshy with an underlying chalky texture that gives a calcareous finish. Excellent potential for improving with age. 94 pts, Yohan Castaing, Decanter Magazine, Sept. 2020

Aÿ Vauzelle Terme

This tiny parcel is planted with only Pinot Noir, on a south-facing slope. A delicate, elegant, racy and pure bouquet here that interplays nicely with spicy and floral notes. This is an irresistible Champagne that expresses a winning combination of serious structure and real-fruited charm. The texture is pure and crystalline, with sufficient intensity to give it a very good ageing potential. One of my favourites. 96 pts, Yohan Castaing, Decanter Magazine, Sept. 2020