

Wine Enthusiast – December 2020

VINTAGE

97 Jacquesson et Fils 2009 Ay Vauzelle Terme Extra Brut (Champagne). The only Pinot Noir Champagne from the current release of single vineyard wines by this producer has magnificent richness and presence. The wine's structure is complex, hinting at tannins as well as packed with a mélange of fruit and toastiness. Although this very fine wine is ready to drink now, it is sure to age further. Vintage '59 Imports. Cellar Selection. —R.V. abv: 12.5% Price: \$354

96 Jacquesson et Fils 2009 Avize Champ Caïn Extra Brut (Champagne). One of a series of single-vineyard wines, this 100% Chardonnay comes from the Côte des Blancs. The strong minerality of the Champagne is richly balanced by the concentrated citrus and toast flavors. Acidity has been softened and beautifully integrated by the wine's maturity. Drink now. Vintage '59 Imports. —R.V. abv: 12.5% Price: \$311

95 Jacquesson et Fils 2009 Dizy Corne Bautray Extra Brut (Champagne). Sixty-year-old vines on a single parcel have produced this tight, tense wine that is one of a series of single-vineyard wines. It has great richness to balance the acidity and fresh citrus and kiwi fruits flavors that are still present in this everyyoung Champagne. Drink this bottling from 2021. Vintage '59 Imports. —R.V. abv: 12.5% Price: \$311

NON-VINTAGE

96 Jacquesson et Fils NV Cuvée No. 738 Dégorgement Tardive Extra Brut (Champagne). Some bottles from every release by this producer are kept back for later disgorgement, giving longer aging on the lees. This Champagne, based on the 2010 vintage has great richness and intensity and dryness that is balanced by the aging flavors. Drink this impressive wine now although it will also age further. Vintage '59 Imports. Cellar Selection. —R.V. abv: 12.5% Price: \$154

94 Jacquesson et Fils NV Cuvée No. 743 Grand Vin Extra Brut (Champagne). Aged in wood, this is the latest iteration of the producer's non-vintage cuvée based on the 2015 vintage It is impressive in its white-fruit richness that is perfectly balanced by intense acidity. Bottle aging has added to the Champagne's complexity. This is a fine wine that is ready to drink. Vintage '59 Imports. —R.V. abv: 12.5% Price: \$100