The NV Cuvée No. 741 Extra-Brut is based on the 2013 harvest, and my sample is the very first disgorgement from August 2017. The wine has a white-golden color that is brighter than the Cuvée No. 740, which is based one 2012. Still quite reductive on the nose, this is a very pure, fresh and elegant Cuvée that reflects the vitality of the 2013 vintage. "The Pinot Noir was spectacularly tasty in 2013 and showed good fruit and structure," says Hervé Chiquet. The Cuvée 741 is really straight, fresh and stimulating and has lots of sweet cherry and red berry flavors. Lean, linear and straightforward. Tasted April 2018.

I met Hervé Chiquet during a tasting at Larmandier-Bernier in April this year when he showed me, among others, the new cuvées that will be released in September: the straight, fresh and stimulating Cuvée No. 741, which is based on the 2013 harvest and reflects all the vitality of the vintage, and the bone dry Cuvée No. 737 Dégorgement Tardif (2009 base), which was aged for seven years on the lees before the disgorgement in November 2017. Both wines are fabulous and will round out with further bottle age.