

Champagne Lancelot Pienne Cramant



“Accord Majeur” Brut NV

Although Gilles Lancelot is based in Cramant in the heart of the Côte des Blancs, his family has vineyard parcels also in the Coteaux Sud d’Épernay and in the opening of the Marne Valley, so there is plenty of red grapes available for certain bottlings. Consequently, Gilles’ “Accord Majeur” non-vintage Brut cuvée is composed of a blend of seventy percent pinot meunier, twenty percent chardonnay and ten percent pinot noir. The new release is from the base year of 2014 and was aged sur latte for more than five years prior to its disgorgement in July of 2020. It was finished with a dosage of five grams per liter. The wine is deep, complex and quite refined on the nose, wafting from the glass in a mix of apple, white peach, warm biscuits, a beautifully complex base of soil tones, gentle smokiness and a topnote of dried flowers. On the palate the wine is crisp, full-bodied and complex, with lovely mid-palate depth, fine focus and grip, zesty acids, elegant mousse and a long, beautifully balanced and very classy finish. This is an outstanding non-vintage Brut! 2021-2045.

92 pts—John Gilman, A View from the Cellar, April-May 2021

The following have also reviewed this wine:

91 pts—Alison Napjus, The Wine Spectator, December 2020

91 pts—William Kelley, The Wine Advocate, April 30, 2020

93 pts—International Wine Review, January/February 2020