



VEUVE FOURNY & FILS

Country: France

Region: Champagne

Appellation(s): Champagne

Producer: Charles and Emmanuel Fourny

Founded: 1856

Annual Production: 12,500 cases

Farming: Lutte Raisonnée

Website: www.champagne-veuve-fourny.com



Champagne Veuve Fourny & Fils is relatively new to the KLWM portfolio, although it has been an active family domaine since 1856. The estate is located in the prestigious Côte des Blancs, in the *premier cru* village of Vertus, an appellation that gives them the rare opportunity to grow Pinot Noir as well as Chardonnay. Brothers Charles-Henry and Emmanuel Fourny sustainably farm nearly nine hectares of vineyards and have been carrying on the family winegrowing tradition since 1993. Their “Clos Faubourg Notre Dame” is a rare jewel in Champagne, primarily due to the fact that there are few existing *clos* parcels left in the region. In this walled plot of land, their older vines benefit from a unique microclimate with deep, chalky subsoil and clay and limestone deposits. Southeastern sun exposure optimizes grape maturity in an area of France where ripe grapes are a precious commodity. Their other vineyards share the soil composition of the *clos* and get east, southeast and southern sun exposure.

Veuve Fourny produces classic grower Champagne, raising pedigreed fruit, adhering to high standards, and hand-crafting wines that showcase the chalky *terroir* of Vertus. All of the Fournys’ vineyards are farmed according to the same meticulous practices and principles, and each parcel is vinified individually. The Brut ages in their cellars for three years before release, the vintage Champagne for five years, and the Clos for nine years. The house style at Veuve Fourny is best characterized as classic Côte des Blancs: a fine bead, rich, deep aromatics, and a complex minerality emphasizing freshness and purity. The Fournys believe in minimal *dosage* for all of their Champagnes, preferring to let the individual *terroirs* express themselves more clearly. This technique, in addition to their dedication to partial malolactic fermentations in their overall blends, impeccable vineyard management, and their decision to age most base wine partially in barrel, all contribute to their unique style.



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<u>Wine</u>	<u>Blend</u>	<u>Vine Age</u>	<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Vineyard Area*</u>
Vertus Blanc de Blancs Brut 1^{er} Cru	Chardonnay	40 years	Chalk, Limestone	4 ha
Vertus Blanc de Blancs Brut Nature 1^{er} Cru	Chardonnay	60 years average	Chalk, Limestone	1.5 ha
Vertus Brut “Grand Réserve” 1^{er} Cru	80% Chardonnay 20% Pinot Noir	40 years	Chalk, Limestone	4.5 ha
Vertus Extra Brut “Cuvée R” 1^{er} Cru	90% Chardonnay 10% Pinot Noir	60 years average	Chalk, Limestone	1 ha
Vertus “Extra Dry” 1^{er} Cru	50% Chardonnay 50% Pinot Noir	40 years	Clay, Limestone, Chalk	1 ha
Vertus Rosé Brut 1^{er} Cru	85% Chardonnay 15% Pinot Noir (still)	40 years	Chalk, Limestone	2 ha
Vertus Rosé Extra Brut 1^{er} Cru “Les Rougesmonts”	Pinot Noir	15 years	Red clay, limestone	.22 ha
Rosé Extra Brut 1^{er} Cru “Vinothèque” Millésimé	50 % Chardonnay, 35 % Blanc de Pinot Noir, 15% Rouge de Pinot Noir	50 years	Chalk	0.5 ha
Vertus Extra-Brut 1^{er} Cru “Monts de Vertus” Millésimé	Chardonnay	60 years average	Chalk	.80 ha
Vertus Extra Brut 1^{er} Cru “Cuvée du Clos Notre Dame” Millésimé	Chardonnay	60 years average	Chalk, Limestone	.23 ha

* “ha”=hectares; one hectare equals roughly two and a half acres



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VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- Sustainably farmed, organically fertilized, harvested by hand
- For a long, slow fermentation, the must is fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel *cuvées*
- The lees are stirred regularly
- 70% wine aged in temperature controlled *cuvées*, 30% aged in Burgundian barrels on the lees for 6 months
- The Fournys almost always blend wines that have gone through malolactic fermentation with wines that have not, preferring their blends to have both roundness and freshness

NV Brut Blanc de Blancs 1^{er} Cru :

- ¼ of the cuvée goes through malolactic fermentation
- Ages in bottle for 2 ½ years before release
- Current disgorgement: July 2014
- Vintages in the current disgorgement: Primarily 2012, with 2011, 2010, 2009
- Dosage 6 grams/liter (extra brut)

NV Blanc de Blancs Brut Nature 1^{er} Cru :

- Ages in bottle for 2 ½ years before release
- Current disgorgement: May 2015
- Vintages in the current disgorgement: Primarily 2012, with 2011, 2010, 2008
- A staff favorite at KLWM
- No dosage

NV Brut “Grand Réserve” 1^{er} Cru :

- ¼ of cuvée goes through malolactic fermentation
- Ages in bottle for 2 ½ years before release
- Current disgorgement: January 2016
- Vintages in the current disgorgement: Primarily 2012, with 2011, 2010, 2009
- Dosage 6 grams/liter (extra brut)



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NV “Cuvée R” Extra Brut 1^{er} Cru :

- Vinified in 100% Burgundian barrels (between 3-15 years old)
- Goes through malolactic fermentation
- Not filtered
- Ages for at least 4 years in bottle before release
- One of the domaine’s flagship cuvées, named after the Fourny’s father, Roger
- Typically a blend of two vintages to combine richness with finesse
- Current disgorgement: January 2015
- Vintages in the current disgorgement: 2011, 2010
- Dosage approximately 3-4 grams/liter

NV Vertus “Extra Dry” 1^{er} Cru :

- Ages for 2 ½ years before release
- A perfect dessert Champagne
- Current disgorgement: March 2015
- Vintages in the current disgorgement: 2012, 2011, 2010
- Dosage approximately 17 grams/liter

NV Rosé Brut 1^{er} Cru :

- 85% Chardonnay, 15% old vine Pinot Noir still
- 30% of Chardonnay is reserve wine
- 50% completes malolactic fermentation
- Direct Press
- Cuvée is raised entirely in Burgundian barrels
- Ages in bottle for 2 years before release
- Current disgorgement: September 2016
- Vintages in the current disgorgement: Primarily 2013, with 2012, 2011
- Dosage is 6 grams/liter (extra brut)

Vertus Rosé Extra Brut 1^{er} Cru “Les Rougesmonts” :

- Saignée, vinified in stainless steel tanks
- Malolactic fermentation completed
- Ages in bottle for 2 years before release
- Vintages in the current disgorgement: 2012 (a single vintage wine, but not labeled as such)
- Dosage is 3 grams/liter (extra brut)



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Rosé Extra Brut 1^{er} Cru “Vinothèque” Millésimé :

- Direct press for the Chardonnay and Blanc de Pinot Noir, short maceration for the Rouge de Pinot Noir
- Chardonnay and the Blanc de Pinot Noir complete malolactic fermentation, the Rouge de Pinot noir does not
- After blending, wine is aged for 7 months on the lees, in Burgundian barrels
- Ages in bottle for 4 years before release
- Current disgorgement: June 2015 (2011 Vintage)
- Dosage is 3-4 grams/liter (extra brut)

Vertus Extra-Brut 1^{er} Cru “Monts de Vertus” Millésimé :

- Produced only in the best vintages from their best Chardonnay vines
- Wine typically does not go through malolactic fermentation, but it depends on the vintage
- Ages for at least 5 years in bottle before release
- Current disgorgement: May 2015 (2009 Vintage)
- Vintage 2009: dosage is 3 grams/liter

Extra Brut “Cuvée du Clos Notre Dame” 1^{er} Cru Millésimé :

- The *tête de cuvée* of Champagne Veuve Fourny of 100% Chardonnay, all sourced from a small, walled-in *clos* right next to their winery in Vertus, planted with their oldest vines in pure chalk
- Wine goes through malolactic fermentation, vinified in barrel
- Only released in special years after aging for at least 9 years in bottle
- Incredible capacity for aging
- Current disgorgement: November 2014 (2005 Vintage), February 2015 (2006 Vintage)
- Dosage approximately 3 grams/liter