



NV Françoise Bedel Dis Vin Secret Brut

92 points (predominantly pinot meunier, with a blend of about 15% chardonnay and pinot noir): Bright gold. Smoky pear skin and dried fig aromas are complicated by notes of candied ginger and honey, with a bright lemon pith nuance adding lift. Sappy, penetrating dried citrus and orchard fruit flavors show an intriguing mix of depth and energy, with an exotic floral quality on the back end. Gains heft with aeration, finishing with very good breadth and spiciness. Bedel farms biodynamically, a rarity in Champagne.

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NV Françoise Bedel Entre Ciel et Terre Brut

92 points Mineral flavors and a silvery, citrus edge, with hints of iodine, are backed by a vibrant structure. Honey and nascent coffee notes play out on the long finish. Drink now through 2013. 2,500 cases made.

Wine Spectator

90 points (about two-thirds pinot meunier, with equal parts chardonnay and pinot noir): Vivid gold. An exotically perfumed bouquet displays floral honey, poached pear, redcurrant, white flowers and chalky minerals. A hint of toasted nuts comes up with air and carries onto the palate, adding depth to lively blood orange and orchard fruit flavors. Weighty but lively as well, with strong finishing cut, a nutty echo and very good smoky persistence.

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