

HB Wine Merchants presents wines from: **Jean Josselin**



FRANCE

## Les Blancs Millésime Extra Brut

Champagne



### Brand Highlights

- 100% Chardonnay
- Multi-generational family business with a philosophy to produce high quality, approachable & friendly wines
- Grower/Estate that owns 12 Ha of vineyards in Gyé-sur-Seine, located on the southern tip of Champagne region
- Adheres to sustainable agricultural/viticulture methods Terra Vitis; certified HVE3 (High Environmental Value Level 3, highest certification level); Vigneron Independent

### The Estate

Since 1854, the Josselin family has owned vineyards on the exceptional land of the Seine Valley, situated to the south of Côtes de Bar and in the extreme south of the Champagne region in a village called Gyé-sur-Seine. Jean Josselin built up his vineyards among the best slopes and in 1957 he created his own brand: Champagne JEAN JOSSELIN. In 1980, his son Jean-Pierre joined the family business and invested in vine management and vinification. He and his wife Veronique expanded the winery to include magnificent vaulted cellars to support the entire winemaking process. Their children, Lucile and Jean-Felix, joined the business in 2010 with Jean-Felix taking over the winemaking duties. Since 1992, Champagne Jean Josselin has been a member of Champagne's Regional Federation of Independent Winegrowers. The estate covers almost 12 hectares and the wines are made from 100% Estate fruit—Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier. The Côtes de Bar vineyards are formed from Jurassic hillsides, established on Kimmeridgian limestone and clay soil. A true artisanal grower/producer.

### Wine Making

The grapes are harvested by hand and pressed in whole clusters. After a 24 hour resting period, alcoholic fermentation occurs and complete malolactic fermentation is done followed by three extractions over the next 3-4 months. The bottles are stored on their sides, on wooden laths, for three years minimum before disgorging. The Dosage is 4 grams per liter. Made from grapes of a single harvest year, it shows the unique particularities of that vintage.

### Tasting Notes

Brilliant light yellow color with flecks of green and a persistent stream of fine, active bubbles. On the nose, delicate notes of apricot, lime, mint, spice & mineral. The palate is open, clean and vivacious with harmonious flavors of peach, pear & spice. A versatile wine that can easily be enjoyed as an aperitif or an accompaniment to blackened fish or grilled meats. Aging potential for 5+ years.

### Press

- ◆ 2020 Vintage **93 Points**—Wine Enthusiast [EDITOR'S CHOICE]
- ◆ 2019 Vintage **92 Points**—Wine Spectator
- ◆ 2019 Vintage **92 Points**—Wine Enthusiast
- ◆ 2019 Vintage **92 Points**—Decanter
- ◆ 2018 Vintage **91 Points**—Wine Enthusiast

### Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL/6, 1.5L/6, 3L/1 [Natural Cork]
- 750mL UPC: 8 75734 00832 1 / SCC: 1 08 75734 00832 8
- 750mL case: 20.7" x 13.7" x 3.9"
- 1.5L UPC: 8 75734 00838 3 / SCC: 1 08 75734 00838 0
- 1.5L case: 18" x 12" x 17"
- 3L UPC: 8 75734 00839 0 / SCC: 1 08 75734 00839 7
- 3L case: 19.3" x 7.2" x 7.4"