



FRANÇOIS MONTAND

- MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE -



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Les Grands Chais de France
 Winemaker: Arnaud van der Voorde
 Region: Jura
 Country: France

François Montand Ice Edition N/V

WINE DESCRIPTION

For centuries, Méthode Champenoise, also known as Méthode Traditionnelle, has been the gold standard for sparkling wine production. A production style that proves to be much more labor-intensive, but the added quality garnered is well worth the effort. With Méthode Traditionnelle the wine goes through its second fermentation in the bottle adding richness and complexity, due to the time it spends on the lees. This style gave Champagne the reputation for premium quality it heralds to this day.

François Montand offers a great tasting sparkling wine, made in the Méthode Traditionnelle, at a value. With an elegant, classic French label, François Montand introduces more people to this winemaking style, showing wine lovers everywhere that a well-made, high quality sparkling wine can be accessible.

François Montand's grapes come from diverse terroirs throughout France, ensuring the best possible fruit for consistently excellent sparkling wines at a great value. Select vineyards are located in the Gascony region in Southwest France where the climate is influenced by the Atlantic, and the soils are alluvial with clay and sand. Additional vineyard sites are located on the west facing slopes of the Jura Mountains. Here, the climate is continental with many similarities to Burgundy, and the soils are mostly clay and limestone with some marl deposits.

The quality of François Montand wines start in the vineyard with a rigorous selection of the best grapes. The grapes are harvested at optimal ripeness to ensure the best balance between sugar and acidity.

After careful sorting, the grapes are pressed gently to keep all the aromatic potential of the fruit. The first fermentation occurs at low temperatures with selected yeasts. After blending and bottling, the liqueur de tirage is added and the secondary fermentation begins. The wine is then aged horizontally for at least nine months before being disgorged and prepared for shipment.

TASTING NOTES

Francois Montand Ice offers a distinctive sweet and fruity flavor and a rich body.

FOOD PAIRING

Whether enjoyed poolside while lounging on a chaise, with friends during a leisurely Sunday brunch, or popped on a day of celebration, François Montand delivers a refreshingly affordable, sparkling French delight. Francois Montand Ice can be served as an aperitif with a few mint leaves or red berries or paired with desserts like a fresh berry tart, a soft cheese plate, or a fruit salad.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Soil composition: Limestone and Clay
 Harvest time: September

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition: Colombard, Ugni Blanc, Chardonnay
 Length of bottle aging: 9 months on the lees

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol: 11%
 pH level: 3.2
 Residual sugar: 47 g/L
 Acidity: 4.8 g/L

