

# Champagne Canard-Duchene Charles VII Blanc de Noirs

## THE FACTS

COUNTRY: France

REGION: Champagne

APPELLATION: Champagne

CEPAGE: 70% Pinot Noir, 30% Pinot Meunier

WINEMAKING: Vinification in thermo-regulated stainless steel vats

Malolactic fermentation

AGING: Minimum 4 years

## THE STORY

In 1859 winemaker Léonie Duchêne met and married barrel maker Victor Canard. They decided to combine their last names and produce their own unique Champagne, based on the Pinot Noir grapes they grew in the heart of the Montagne de Reims. They released their first bottling of Champagne eight years later, in 1868, to rave reviews. Léonie was among the first female winemakers in the Champagne region, and to this day Canard-Duchêne is one of the few Champagne houses still family owned. Winemaker Laurent Fédou describes the house style as “very lively, youthful and balanced with freshness and bright acidity”.

## THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Complex & Generous

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Stewed fruit, black fruit, cherry

MOUTHFEEL: Fine mousse

## THE SELLING POINTS

Champagne that offers the depth of maturity

AWARDS: 92pts Decanter

SUSTAINABILITY: Vegan

PAIRINGS: Sweetbread with mushrooms & risotto, cheese with truffles

