

Champagne Canard-Duchene Cuvee Charles VII Smooth Rose

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: France

REGION: Champagne

APPELLATION: Champagne

CEPAGE: 40% Pinot Noir, 30% Pinot Meunier, 30% Chardonnay

WINEMAKING: Reserve wines: About 20% Pinot Noir, vinified in red and rosé.

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: Sweet & Harmonious

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Red berries, raspberry

MOUTHFEEL: Supple & Unctuous

THE SELLING POINTS

The sweetness and roundness of a great Champagne

SUSTAINABILITY: Vegan

PAIRINGS: Salmon tataki with sesame, seared mullet fillet, Macarons

