



# Champagne Larmandier-Bernier

*Special Feature*

## Premier Cru, Extra Brut, “Longitude” Champagne, France

Located in the heart of Champagne, France, Larmandier-Bernier is a small family estate with 45 acres of organic and biodynamically farmed vineyards in prestigious Grand Cru and Premier Cru villages of the Cote des Blancs region. Both the Larmandier and Bernier families have had a long history in Champagne, dating back to the French revolution, but it was not until the marriage of Philippe Larmandier and Elisabeth Bernier in 1971 that Champagne Larmandier-Bernier was officially established. Today, the small estate is overseen by Pierre (Philippe and Elisabeth’s son) and Sophie Larmandier, who took over the winery in 1988 and it has become a true gem in the Cote des Blancs region of Champagne, France.



Cote des Blancs lies south of Epernay, the self-proclaimed capital of Champagne, and is the source for many of the world’s top cuvée Champagnes. The vineyards are mostly situated on east facing slopes and 95% of the vines are planted to Chardonnay (hence the *Cote des Blancs* name). The soils in the area are typically comprised of a thin layer of top soil, beneath which lies the chalk that gives these wines their unique expression of minerality and terroir. Wines from this region are generally praised for their delicacy, freshness and elegance.

Larmandier-Bernier’s estate vineyards are located in the esteemed villages of Cramant, Chouilly, Oger, and Avize (all Grand Crus), as well as Vertus (Premier Cru). In France, the classification of Champagne vineyards differ from the classification of Bordeaux or Burgundy wine estates and instead are based on the villages the vineyards are located in. Grand Crus are the highest rated villages, followed by Premier Crus, and finally, Echelle des Crus. Amazingly, less than 9% of all vineyard land in Champagne has been deemed the prestigious Grand Cru status.

We hope you enjoy this special sparkling selection from Larmandier-Bernier - the perfect choice for any celebration. Cheers!

## Accolades & Tasting Notes

**94 POINTS**

— Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*

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— Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*

Named an ‘Utterly exquisite Blanc de Blancs’ by *Antonio Galloni*, the Larmandier-Bernier “Longitude” Premier Cru Extra Brut Champagne was produced from 100% Chardonnay grapes grown in the Cote des Blancs villages of Vertus, Oger, Avize and Cramant, which form a line close to the 4th meridian - hence the name, *Longitude*. This Champagne is pure and classy in style and dazzles with its precision and subtlety. Lemon peel, almond, herbs, mint and dried flowers are all laced together in this beautifully textured and layered Champagne that is a wonder to discover. As stated by *Robert Parker*, “the Longitude Blanc de Blancs Premier Cru Extra Brut is predictably superb. . . and it’s hard to think of a better value in Champagne.” Enjoy!

