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Recent Reviews from VINOUS (Antonio Galloni & Josh Raynolds)



NV Latitude Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs

91 points, Antonio Galloni

"Larmandier-Bernier's NV Blanc de Blancs Latitude is a bit compact and tightly wound, especially next to the Longitude. Traditionally, these clay-rich soils have been planted to Pinot Noir rather than Chardonnay. That sense of phenolic intensity is very much in evidence here. The Latitude is an excellent choice for readers who enjoy dense, powerful Champagnes."



NV Longitude Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs

92 points, Antonio Galloni

"A big, ample Champagne, Larmandier-Bernier's NV Longitude wraps around the palate with gorgeous depth and textural richness. Apricot pit, almonds, wild herbs, honey and crushed flowers are some of the notes that meld together on the creamy, expressive finish. The Longitude is made mostly from parcels in the northern sector of Vertus, although 30% of the fruit is sourced from parcels in Cramant, Avize and Oger. This release is based on the 2011 vintage, with 40% reserve wines from 2007."



2009 Terre de Vertus Premier Cru Non Dose Blanc de Blancs

94 points, Antonio Galloni

"Rich and explosive to the core, the 2009 Blanc de Blancs Terre de Vertus races across the palate with tons of depth and power. Dried apricots, honey, wild flowers and anise all blossom in the glass, but the 2009 is first and foremost a wine of structure. A creamy, textured finish rounds things out nicely. The combination of a ripe year and the non-dosage style work beautifully. The Terre de Vertus emerges from the Les Barillers and Les Faucherets lieux-dits. The Terre de Vertus is non-dosé."

92 points, Josh Raynolds

"Light, bright yellow. Offers an array of lively citrus and orchard fruit aromas and flavors, with chalky mineral and floral notes adding vivacity and lift. The palate boasts excellent clarity and depth, with exotic mace and green tea nuances coming up with aeration. Closes taut and spicy, with echoing floral character and excellent mineral-driven focus and length."



2007 Vieille Vigne de Cramant Grand Cru Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs

93 points, Josh Raynolds

"Pale yellow. Bright floral- and mineral-laced citrus fruit aromas are complicated by notes of smoky lees, anise and iodine. Dry and sharply focused on the palate, offering bitter lemon pith and pear skin flavors that stretch out and deepen with air. This powerful yet lithe wine finishes with outstanding clarity and building floral and ginger qualities."

92 points, Antonio Galloni

"The 2007 Cramant Vieilles Vignes Grand Cru is a great choice for drinking over the next few years, as the flavors are nicely mellowed and complex. Broad and ample on the palate, the 2007 possesses lovely depth in its fruit, along with considerable intensity from these 50-70 year-old vines. Wild flowers, almonds and dried pears add the final nuances of complexity."



2009 Les Chemins d'Avize Grand Cru Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs

94 points, Josh Raynolds

"Pale gold. An exotic bouquet presents fresh lemon, lime, chalk and honeysuckle. Stony citrus and orchard fruit flavors gain weight with air, picking up sexy floral and succulent herb notes. Firm and spicy on the long, sharply focused finish, which leaves bright citrus fruit and dusty mineral notes behind. This is a new bottling for this producer."

93 points, Antonio Galloni

"The 2009 Chemin d'Avize Blanc de Blancs is a new wine that is being bottled for the first time. Previously the fruit from these two parcels - Chemin de Plivot and Chemin de Flavigny - had gone into the Longitude. Focused and beautifully delineated throughout, the 2009 impresses for its freshness and understated personality. Floral aromatics meld into spice, lime and pear nuances. I especially like the brightness and energy here. This is a terrific debut from Larmandier-Bernier."