

CHAMPAGNE

S SALON

BRUT BLANC DE BLANCS *Le Mesnil-sur-Oger*

1996

"Green-tinged gold. Incredibly complex, intense bouquet of smoky, leesy orange, pear, licorice, minerals and bitter quinine. The superconcentrated citrus, quince and pear liquor flavors convey an almost painful impression of extract and positively explode across the palate. Elegant, poised and precise in a manner rare for a wine with such flavor intensity. The vibrant, minerally, extremely long finish simply doesn't let up. This should age effortlessly for a decade or two."

Stephen Tanzer's
INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR
Nov/Dec 2006

"A deep, vinous style, with understated power and grace. The lemon verbena, toast and honey aromas and flavors are propelled by the well-integrated structure and fine bubbles. There's just a hint of greenness, marking its youthful inpetuosity. Has great length. Best from 2010 through 2030."

Wine Spectator
December 31, 2007

"The 1996 Salon is yet another wine that is maturing splendidly. Once focused to the point of being painfully austere and angular, today the 1996 Salon has begun to soften and fill out. My latest bottles have been rich, generous and totally compelling in every way."


RobertParker.com
November 2010

