



# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## LARMANDIER-BERNIER



### LES CHEMINS D'AVIZE 2010

**CHAMPAGNE LARMANDIER-BERNIER** || One of the true gems in Champagne, Larmandier-Bernier is a small grower estate with fifteen biodynamically farmed hectares in Grand Cru & Premier Cru villages of the Côte des Blancs. Both the Larmandier and Bernier families have had a long history in the Champagne region, 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. The small house today is directed by Pierre and Sophie Larmandier, who took over the direction of the family estate in 1988.

**CHAMPAGNE - CÔTE DES BLANCS** || The Côte des Blancs lies south of Epernay and is the source for many top cuvée & vintage Champagnes for houses of all sizes. The vineyards are mostly situated on east facing slopes and 95% of the vines are the Chardonnay varietal (hence, the Côte des Blancs name). The soils in the area are typically 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.

### LES CHEMINS D'AVIZE GRAND CRU 2010 ||

**BLEND** | 100% Chardonnay

**VINEYARDS** | From the Chemin de Plivot and Chemin de Flavigny lieux-dits, located in the Grand Cru village of Avize. Deep chalky soil and poor or nearly no topsoil, on a south-east facing hill. The Larmandiers purchased a small press in order to vinify this singular wine separately in 2009 (it was previously included in Longitude).

**WINEMAKING** | Fermentation in old oak casks with four years aging on the lees.

**ALCOHOL** | 12%

**DOSAGE** | 2gr/l dosage

**PRESS** | 95 VIN, 94+ WA & 98 JS

“A total knock-out. Lemon peel, flowers, mint and white pepper are some of the many notes that race out of the glass. Vibrant, powerful and beautifully sculpted, the Chemins d’Avize oozes character. Powerful and yet also light on its feet, the 2010 is a striking wine to drink now and over the next handful of years. This is an especially vinous, powerful expression of the Côte des Blancs.” - Antonio Galloni

