



# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## LARMANDIER-BERNIER



### VIEILLE VIGNE DU LEVANT 2015

**CHAMPAGNE LARMANDIER-BERNIER** || One of the true gems in Champagne, Larmandier-Bernier is a small grower estate with eighteen 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.

### VIEILLE VIGNE DU LEVANT GRAND CRU 2015 ||

**BLEND** | 100% Chardonnay

**VINEYARDS** | From the oldest estate Grand Cru vineyards in the village of Cramant - in the lieu-dit Bourron du Levant - these vines range from 50-70 years of age.

**WINEMAKING** | Fermented using natural yeasts in a combination of Stockinger vat (50%) and 228-liter and 500-liter barrels and left on the lees during the winter. Secondary fermentation and further aging on the lees for over seven years.

**PRESS** | 95 WA

“The most flamboyant, muscular wine in the cellar this year is the 2015 Blanc de Blancs Vieille Vigne du Levant. It’s full of pastry-forward notes mingling with ripe citrus, walnut and pear. Full-bodied and enveloping, it’s the most powerful rendition since 2012. Layered and with old-vine concentration and succulent yet vibrant acidity, this is a wine of controlled richness, concluding with an expansive, mineral-laced finish informed by its chalk subsoil. Originally known as Vieille Vigne de Cramant, this was the first single-vineyard Champagne created by Pierre Larmandier in 1988, and it has maintained a strong record since.

