



LARMANDIER-BERNIER



TERRE DE VERTUS NON DOSÉ 2009

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.

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BLEND | 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS | This vintage wine is from the Les Barillers lieux-dit situated mid-slope in Vertus, facing south-east.

WINEMAKING | Wild yeast fermentation in old oak casks and temperature controlled vats followed by lees aging with bâtonnage over the winter. Secondary fermentation and further aging on the lees for over five years. Disgorged 6 months prior to release.

ALCOHOL | 12% **DOSAGE** | zero dosage

PRESS | 94 VIN & 92 IWC

“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.

