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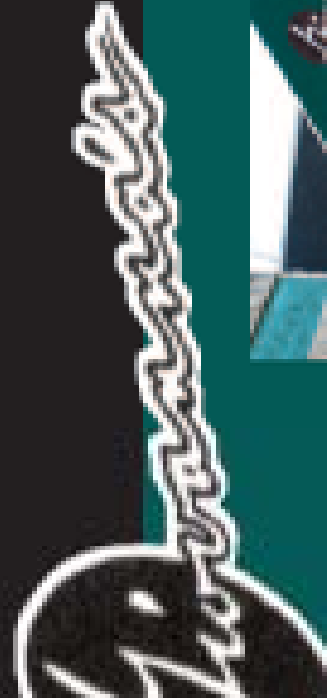
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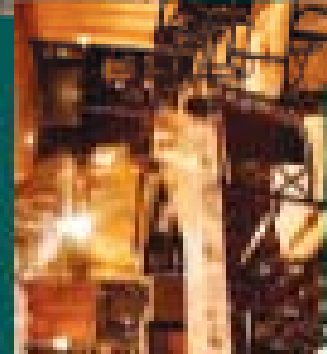
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Bubbling Over with Delight about Armand de Brignac Champagne

By Merilee Kern, 'The Luxe List' Executive Editor

Celebrating the joys of a life well-lived and success well-deserved always calls for a toast of champagne. As an aspiring connoisseur, I'm indelibly on the hunt for champagnes that offer a multi-sensory delight even beyond the palate. In this quest, I have uncovered Armand de Brignac - a treasure, quite literally.

Armand de Brignac is a high-and-refined crowd available in three prestigious selections: Brut Gold, Champagne Rosé, and Champagne Blanc de Blancs - each reflecting the discerning tastes of those individuals who desire the finer things in life. These artisanal champagnes, instantly identifiable by the dramatic Aoe of Spades insignias on all its bottles, are produced in Champagne, France by the Cartier family, which has been cultivating vineyards and overseeing the production of fine champagnes since 1763. So, it's no wonder the result of their effort is extraordinary. This champagne has, in fact, been ranked the number one in the world in a blind-tasting of over 1,000 brands.

The family's flagship Armand de Brignac product is the Brut Gold, which embodies the traditional French Champagne style of complex and full-bodied wines that comes from a perfectly balanced blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Meunier wines. This prestige crowd is utterly divine, intermingling sweet and acidic flavors like apricots and apples with light floral aromas and a creamy mouth feel.

Armand de Brignac's beautiful, salmon-hued Rosé is rife with aromas of fresh strawberries and blackcurrant. The bouquet is rich, with red fruits in front and lightly smoky grilled notes behind. The finish seemingly lingers for days. The company's Blanc de Blancs is a delicate, dry and crisp with notes of floral accents. Aromas of vanilla, citrus fruits, and dried apricots abound in this breathtaking exposition of Champagne Chardonnay fruit.

There are no assembly processes

for the production of the champagnes. Only eight winemakers craft it by hand using production techniques honed with painstaking adherence to a heritage of quality. Exceptional indeed! "Our Champagnes come from grapes so glass through hand labor-intensive methods," family patriarch Jean-Jacques "It is aged in a grand cellar considered one of the best in Champagne."

While infinitely palatable, Armand de Brignac's is undoubtedly a feast for the senses. Champagnes come in an ornate, placed paperless bottle that is unto itself. Each bears four engraved power lines are hand-applied to the surface. This distinctive, originally conceived by Cartier, is a meticulously decorated masterpiece in Ennori's Cognac. The striking box is housed in a black lacquer case lined with black embossed with the Champagne crest. Each box is fitted with engraved nameplates, reflecting splendor and grand style of the fashion world - all for a remarkable tasting experience.

In grandiose form, it recently released the large luxury champagne in a stunning "Midas," a magnificent metallic vessel of 40 regular-sized 750ml weighing 100 pounds. The bottle of Armand de Brignac for \$100,000 is an amazing roller in Las Vegas.

All of Armand de Brignac's champagnes, which up-approximately \$300 to 750ml bottle, are simply class with discerning tastes and appreciation of the finer things in life. Galley, party of one.



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