

# Marc HEBRART

Mareuil-sur-Aÿ



Jean Paul Hebrart

France

CHAMPAGNE  
Valle de la Marne

## OVERVIEW

Jean-Paul Hébrart took over the operations of Marc Hébrart Champagne in the Vallée de la Marne from his father Marc in 1997. This estate is not exactly new: Jean-Paul's father has been producing champagne under the Marc Hébrart name since 1964. Hébrart farms 14 hectares of vines on 65 different sites in 6 villages. His Pinot Noir comes from the great 1er Cru vineyards of Mareuil-sur-Aÿ, Avenay, Val d'Or and Bisseuil and his Chardonnay from the Grand Crus Chouilly and Oiry in the Côte des Blancs. Each parcel is always vinified separately in glass lined stainless steel and ceramic tanks. He is slowly phasing out the ceramic as it is more difficult to control the temperature. Hébrart is also experimenting barrel fermentation and indigenous yeast fermentation for some of his older vine parcels.

Using these new techniques Jean-Paul has made an alternative Tête de Cuvée (2004 vintage dated) called Rive Gauche-Rive Droite, named for the sites on both sides of the Marne that comprise the blend. These old vine parcels are fermented and aged in 205 liter four year old barrique (without battonage) before being bottled sur latté. Jean-Paul hand selects grapes, uses a Bucher press, and is experimenting with fermentation in petite cuvee. Hébrart doesn't block malolactic fermentation and does all remuage by hand.

**Varieties:** Pinot Noir,  
Chardonnay

**Total Acreage:**  
35.7 acres

**Average Production:**  
5,800 cases

—Terry Theise

## VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Combines Pinot Noir fruit from the Valee de la Marne with Grand cru Chardonnay from the Cotes de Blanc.

## WINES

### Marc Hebrart "Cuvée de Reserve" Brut NV

**CORE LIST** It's 81% Pinot Noir (from Mareuil, Avenay and Bisseuil) and 19% Chardonnay (from Mareuil). It seems silkier than last year's; the '07 makes it more taut, but the signature fragrance is there, and again there's a stealthy richness on the mid-palate; with five minutes in the glass it really exhales. Let's call it a spicy version of this sumptuous yet articulate wine. —TT

### Marc Hebrart Rose NV

**CORE LIST** As always this is an intellectual lady-librarian with, shall we say, an ooh-la-la taste in undergarments, and perhaps a fetching tattoo hidden beneath them. You think it's "correct," it starts to vamp, you think it's "sexy," it starts to admonish you with its elegance and command. 46% Chardonnay, 45% Pinot Noir and 9% Mareuil still Pinot Noir This is an extroverted rendition of this always delicious Rosé. It's almost giddy, silky, with crisp diction, yet baby, what ripe berries are in this basket. —TT



Overlooking Mareuil-sur-Aÿ



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