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Vilmart

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115,000 bottles/year

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Vilmart has quickly gained a cult status among growers that is only surpassed by Jacques Selosse. In 1890, the company was founded in Rilly and is now run by Laurent Champs. The grapes are only of premier cru level, but vinification is exceptional. Vilmart is one of the few who grow their grapes organically and allow most of the grape must to ferment in large oak barrels and the rest in ninety small oak barrels (mostly from Allier, which are between one and three years old). All the wines are in barrels for ten months and enriched through *bâtonnage*.

The great champagnes that Vilmart produces from Rilly-la-Montagne and Villers-Allerand all have a high acidity because the malolactic fermentation is avoided. Since the young Laurent took over in 1991 after his father, the firm has become one of the real goodies, with the perfect wine *Coeur de Cuvée* as its brightest star. The wine is the best made in Champagne during the years 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 2001, and 2003. I would urge you to hunt like crazy after the rare five thousand bottles made by this gem.

VINTAGE WINE	GRAPES	POINTS
NV Grande Réserve	70 % PN, 30 % CH	(75) 82
NV Grand Cellier	30 % PN, 70 % CH	(82) 85
NV Grand Cellier Vieux Réserve	30 % PN, 70 % CH	(85) 85
NV Grande Réserve Brut Nature	70 % PN, 30 % CH	(70) 75
NV Cuvée Rubis Rosé	90 % PN, 10 % CH	(75) 84
2006 Grand Cellier d'Or	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(90) 94
2005 Grand Cellier d'Or	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(87) 91
2003 Grand Cellier d'Or	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(85) 86
2002 Grand Cellier d'Or	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(89) 92
2001 Grand Cellier d'Or	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(84) 86
2000 Grand Cellier d'Or	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(88) 92
1999 Grand Cellier d'Or	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(87) 90
1998 Grand Cellier d'Or	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(87) 90
1997 Grand Cellier d'Or	30 % PN, 70 % CH	(85) 88
1995 Grand Cellier d'Or	30 % PN, 70 % CH	(88) 89
1993 Grand Cellier d'Or	30 % PN, 70 % CH	(90) 90
1992 Grand Cellier d'Or	30 % PN, 70 % CH	(83) 87
1991 Grand Cellier d'Or	30 % PN, 70 % CH	(83) 87
1989 Grand Cellier d'Or	30 % PN, 70 % CH	(81) 85
1979 Grand Cellier d'Or	30 % PN, 70 % CH	(76) 76



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2003	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(84) 86
2002	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(93) 94
2001	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(86) 86
2000	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(92) 93
1999	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(90) 92
1998	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(93) 93
1997	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(94) 94
1996	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(88) 94
1993	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(93) 94
1992	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(94) 94
1991	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(93) 93
1990	Cœur de Cuvée	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(93) 93
1989	Cœur de Cuvée	30 % PN, 70 % CH	(94) 94
2001	Cœur de Cuvée Vinothèque	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(86) 86
2000	Cœur de Cuvée Vinothèque	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(92) 93
1999	Cœur de Cuvée Vinothèque	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(92) 92
1998	Cœur de Cuvée Vinothèque	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(93) 93
1999	Création	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(86) 88
1998	Création	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(84) 84
1997	Création	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(89) 90
1996	Création	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(84) 86
1992	Création	20 % PN, 80 % CH	(78) 78
2004	Grand Cellier Rubis Rosé	60 % PN, 40 % CH	(88) 92
2002	Grand Cellier Rubis Rosé	60 % PN, 40 % CH	(92) 94
2000	Grand Cellier Rubis Rosé	60 % PN, 40 % CH	(91) 92
1999	Grand Cellier Rubis Rosé	60 % PN, 40 % CH	(87) 90
1998	Grand Cellier Rubis Rosé	60 % PN, 40 % CH	(87) 90
1997	Grand Cellier Rubis Rosé	60 % PN, 40 % CH	(95) 95