

# CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER

Known around the world for powerful, polished Champagnes that are among the greatest of both Non-Vintage and Vintage Champagnes produced, any of the fundamentals to their approach and production would be special, but when taken altogether are utterly unique.



## PN TX17

Champagne, France

### ESTATE

Bollinger is an icon in Champagne, all the more remarkable because its reputation rests entirely on the quality of its extraordinarily distinct Champagnes. Very simply, Bollinger is the outlier. The rigorous, obsessive attention to detail and preservation of artisanal, almost absurdly labor-intensive practices, makes Bollinger both a guardian of the past and, as we see with each passing year, the beacon of the future.

### WINE

PN, made entirely from Pinot Noir to underscore the very essence and DNA of the House style, is the first new cuvée added to Bollinger's permanent range since rosé in 2008. Each release of PN, developed as a series to bring Bollinger's unique vision of Pinot Noir to light, will showcase a different cru from the base year that highlights its distinctive terroir and taste. The third edition of the series, PN TX17, explores the interpretation of Pinot Noir from Tauxières 17 and features reserve wines dating back to 2007.

### VINEYARD

The fruit is predominantly sourced from Tauxières (50% from 2017), characterized by the elegance, tension and salinity of Pinot Noir from this cru. Pinot Noir fruit from Avenay and Tauxières were added to PN VZ16 to add aromatic synergy and complexity.

*Farming:* Sustainable wine growing by grassing over the ground, using biological pest control, reducing the use of herbicides, recycling pruning waste and planting hedges and orchards to encourage biodiversity.

### WINEMAKING

*Variety:* 100% Pinot Noir

*Fermentation:* More than 50% of the wine is vinified in oak barrels.

*Aging:* Cellar aged for more than twice the time required by the appellation. The addition of about 20% reserve wines add to the wine's exceptional aromatic intensity, especially the Pinots Noirs aged in magnums for almost 10 years.

*Dosage:* 4 g/L

*Alcohol:* 12.5%

### VINTAGE

While PN is a non-vintage, 50% of the fruit comes from 2017. The first half of 2017 was especially hot and dry. The peak heat that usually comes in August came in July, while August had plentiful rainfall and much colder weather than usual. In September, the nights stayed very mild, the mornings humid and the afternoons very warm. This year is a source of pride, because in this unusual situation, Champagne Bollinger very quickly made the right adjustment. The maturity of the Champagne is very much there, the acidity is nicely framed by the richness.

## WINE ENTHUSIAST

*"The NV PN TX 17, 100% Pinot Noir from Tauxieres, is the next wine in Bollinger's new series of single-village Champagnes. Bright and punchy, the 2017 is redolent of pear, dried flowers, mint, chalk and sage. Aromatically, the 2017 could easily be mistaken for a Blanc de Blancs such is its purity, but the richness and resonance of Pinot are unmistakable on the palate. This is an especially vinous, layered Champagne that offers striking interplay between its intense fruit and the mineral, saline and savory-laced frame that holds it all together." - R.V 7/22*

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