

VEUVE CLICQUOT

ROSE RESERVE 1978

WINE NOTES

THE VINTAGE

The budburst was irregular and occurred between 8 and 24 April, depending on the variety.

The bunches formed fairly well, while flowering occurred late and was very spread out, lasting until mid-July, under bad weather conditions. *Millerandage* and shatter (*coulure*) set in due to subsequent cool weather.

Picking began on 9 October and ended around 15 October.

The average weight of the bunches was very low, giving a quantitatively low harvest of very good quality.

THE BLEND

The blend is composed of around 20 *Premiers* and *Grands Crus* only.

One third of this is chardonnay, predominantly from the *Côte des Blancs*. The remaining part is pinot noir, coming from villages located in the regions of *La Montagne de Reims* and *La Grande Vallée de la Marne*.

The addition of 15% red wine from pinot noir, produced from grapes sourced in our *Grand Cru* vineyard of Bouzy, completes this Cuvée.

ON THE SENSES...

The wine's appearance is full of life, rich in colour, pink with orange tints. It has a fine effervescence. On the nose, it is very complex, reminiscent of small red wild fruits.

The aromatic structure is very subtle, built around the mineral, even animal (leather, white truffle) tones typical of mature Pinot Noir. In the mouth, it shows off its powerful structure, with a remarkable length and delicious fruit overtones.

A wine of such complexity would be an elegant partner to delicate meats, such as veal or lamb. The best matches however will be reached with refined bird game like pheasant, quail or pigeon.