

# Champagne Lancelot Pienne

## Cramant



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### Instant Présent Blanc de Blancs Brut NV

*The new release of Lancelot-Pienne “Instant Présent” Blanc de Blancs is from the base year of 2021. As is customary with this bottling, it includes twenty-five percent reserve wines with its dedicated solera. These vines average fifty years of age, with this wine made from parcels in Cramant, Monthelon and Bisseuil. So, we have here a mix of the Côte des Blancs, Côteaux Sud d’Épernay and Montagne de Reims. The vins clairs are given a ten month élevage in tank prior to bottling up for secondary fermentation. The wine is aged thirty-two months sur latte and was disgorged in June of 2024, with a finishing dosage of 4.5 grams per liter. It offers up an excellent bouquet of apple, pear, a touch of hazelnut, fresh-baked bread, a lovely base of chalky soil tones and a topnote of dried flowers. On the palate the wine is crisp, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a good core of fruit, a fine foundation of soil, bright acids, frothy mousse and a long, well balanced finish. I know that Gilles and Julien Lancelot consider this their entry level bottling made for early consumption, but this has the balance to age gracefully for many years. 2025-2045.*

**91+ pts**—John Gilman, View from the Cellar, July-August 2025

*Gilles Lancelot’s “Instant Present” non-vintage Blanc de Blancs is from the base year of 2020. It was disgorged in January of 2024 and finished with a dosage of 4.8 grams per liter. The wine includes twenty-five percent reserve wines from the solera dedicated to this bottling. This is made from Monsieur Lancelot’s vineyard holdings in Grauves, Monthelon and Mancy in the Coteaux Sud d’Épernay, rather than from his vineyards in Cramant. The wine’s bouquet is excellent, wafting from the glass in a precise blend of pear, apple, brioche, chalky soil tones, spring flowers and a topnote of fresh almond. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and still youthfully zesty, with a good core of fruit, fine soil signature, frothy mousse and a long, complex and well balanced finish. This is a fine young wine, but to my palate, it could do with a year in the cellar to come out more full from behind its fine girdle of acidity. 2025-2045.*

**91 pts**—John Gilman, View from the Cellar, September-October 2024

*(100% chardonnay, 80% from 2018 harvest, disgorged September 2021, 6 g/L, 12%). A cool and airy nose features notes of green apple, acacia, brioche, yeast and citrus confit. There is again a moderate mousse supporting the moderately complex medium weight flavors that offer better depth on the nicely dry, crisp and sneaky long finish. This is lovely as it’s just so inviting and while it’s already attractive, another year or two of keeping should prove beneficial. 2024+.*

**91 pts**—Allen Meadows, Burghound, October 2023

The following has also reviewed this wine:

**90 pts**—Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, December 2023