

Champagne Barnaut Bouzy



Authentique Rosé Brut Grand Cru NV

The current release of Authentique non-vintage Brut Rosé from Philippe Secondé is from the base year of 2021 and was disgorged in February of 2024. The wine is a saignée Rosé made entirely from Bouzy vineyards, with eighty-five to ninety percent of the cuvée composed from pinot noir, and the balance made up of ten to fifteen percent chardonnay (also from Bouzy). This is the same wine I reported on two springs ago, but a later disgorgement. The wine is a lovely deep salmon color and offers up a deep, vinous and complex aromatic constellation of cherries, pomegranate, a fine base of chalky soil tones, sumac, rye bread, orange peel and rose petals. On the palate the wine is deep, complex and full-bodied, with excellent depth of fruit, a lovely base of chalky soil, elegant mousse and a long, vibrant and beautifully balanced finish. This is a classic, vinous example of Bouzy Rosé. 2026-2045.

92 pts-John Gilman, View from the Cellar, May-June 2026

This rich rosé is made with 90 percent Pinot Noir and 10 percent Chardonnay sourced from Barnaut's parcels in Bouzy. Produced in the saignée method, the wine is a deep magenta color and offers concentrated fruit flavors. It's delightfully aromatic on the nose with notes of rose candy, tomato leaf, and white peaches. The palate has hints of syrupy amarena cherries, without being sweet or cloying, and a flinty minerality.

94 pts-Hannah Staab, Vinepair, December 2024

A blend of 85% Pinot Noir and 15% Chardonnay, the NV Brut Rosé Authentique is the best wine in this range, once again. Ample and resonant, with terrific persistence, the Authentique is immediately captivating. Crushed flowers, sweet red berry fruit, blood orange, pomegranate and dried rose petals infuse this cuvée with tons of character. I loved it. Dosage is 6 grams per liter. Disgorged: October 5, 2022.

93 pts-Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media, November 2023

Deep colour. Wild strawberries, juicy, great texture—like crumpled tissue paper dusted with spice. Inherently vinous rather than 'pink champagne'. Lots of fruit, but layering cooked fruit with fresh fruit interpolated with a long, deep tang. A substantial rosé for people who love interesting food and flavours.

17/20 pts-Tamlyn Currin, jancisrobinson.com, June 2023

The following have also reviewed this wine:

93 pts-International Wine Review, January/February 2020

92 pts-William Kelley, The Wine Advocate, April 2019