

# CHAMPAGNE AYALA

Long known as the "sleeping beauty of Champagne," because of its prominence in the late 19th and first half of the 20th century.



## Rosé Majeur

Champagne, France

### ESTATE

Ayala is one of the most exciting stories in Champagne today, and the definition of a boutique Champagne producer. This historic house has been rivitalized by a small, young and dynamic team that handles every step of production, from grape reception to labeling, in their jewel of a facility. Ayala crafts Chardonnay-focused wines that deliver immense precision, elegance and pleasure.

### WINE

Rosé Majeur is the perfect embodiment of the originality and finesse of the House's wines. Made predominantly from Chardonnay, it is crafted with the addition of a small proportion of still Pinot Noir from the best crus of the Montagne de Reims. A low dosage enables it to express the House style, both feminine and generous, with great elegance. The very high proportion of Chardonnay and the aging process result in a Champagne with remarkable finesse.

### VINEYARD

Ayala currently owns 35 acres in Champagne. Thanks to its privileged location in the heart of the Grand Crus of Montagne de Reims and their link to Bollinger, they also have unique access to top quality grapes.

*Farming:* Ayala encourages their growers to use organic fertilizers and avoid insecticides, herbicides and pesticides. 24 crus compose the blend, carefully selected for the intensity of their fruit and silky balance.

### WINEMAKING

*Variety:* 51% Chardonnay, 39% Pinot Noir (including 6% of still red wine), 10% Pinot Meunier

*Fermentation:* Everything from grape reception to vinification, aging, riddling and disgorgement is done at the Ayala cellars. Only 6% of red wine added, exclusively Pinot Noir from Aÿ Grand Cru.

*Aging:* Cellar-aged for nearly three years and rests in bottle for at least 3 months after disgorgement.

*Dosage:* 6 g/L

*Alcohol:* 12% ABV

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"A cleverly arranged nose with saturated rose-like perfume layered into ripe expressive peaches, strawberries and wild dark cherries. The palate holds that darker cherry edge with real style and balance. Terrific."

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