

## CHAMPAGNE FAMILLE DELOUVIN Semper Fidelis

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Geoffrey Delouvin works his 7 hectares of vines exclusively in the village of Vandières just as the 10 previous generations of his family has done. This family heritage and knowledge coupled with a unique focus on one cru make the wines he is producing some of the most exciting in all of Champagne.

The plots are mostly old vines, all with south/ southeast facing exposition on a myriad of soils from Clay-limestone to white marl and clay. Meunier dominates the family holdings. Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are present along with ancestral plantings of Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc and Petit Meslier. The vines are tended the way they always have been. The use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers is strictly forbidden. A respect for the living soils means great biodiversity in the vines, no deep plowing and 12 month composted manure for greater microbiological health of the soil. The transmission for these practices come down through 11 generations, all informed by the land and grapes.

LOCATION Vandieres ECHELLE DE CRU Autre 86% FOUNDED 1949 VINEYARDS OWNED 7.21ha STATUS RM WINEMAKER Geoffrey Delouvin WINEMAKING Practicing Organic TOTAL PRODUCTION 50,000 bottles/year

## WINE NOTES

VINTAGE NV BLEND 100% Meunier (30% Reserve beginning in 1992) DOSAGE 5 g/l LEES AGEING 6 years VINEYARDS 100% Vandieres SOILS Clay Marl