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NV Krug Grande Cuvée '164 Edition': "a total knockout...97 points"



Demand for the new 'edition' of Krug Grande Cuvée has gone through the roof in the wake of Antonio Galloni's outstanding review and 97-point rating in the pages of www.Vinous.com.

Every year Krug create a new blend, uniquely numbered and labelled, to offer the fullest expression of the house style. The Grande Cuvée 164th Edition is blend of 127 wines from 11 different years with approximately two-thirds of the blend coming from the outstanding 2008 vintage. The balance comprises reserve wines going back to 1990. The finished wine then spends at least 8 years in bottle in Krug's cellars to develop its particular expression and elegance, receiving its cork in spring 2016. Krug report on the vintage and blend as follows:

"Krug Grande Cuvée 164ème Édition was composed around the harvest of 2008. Following a mild winter, overcast spring and cool summer, there was concern over the maturation of the grapes, further compounded by a severe hailstorm that hit the village of Saint-Gemme, reputed for its plots of Meunier. But in mid-September, the clouds miraculously parted and favourable conditions lasted throughout the harvest, which gave us grapes in excellent health and with a good level of maturity.

The year's Chardonnay wines revealed an unusual generosity and suppleness, while the Pinot Noirs were characterful and bold, with a lively finish. As feared, the hailstorm did indeed leave its mark on the Meuniers. As if waiting for just such an occasion in the House's extensive library reserve wines, two Sainte-Gemme Meuniers from 2002 and 2006 contributed their radiant fruit to the blend. Pinot Noir reserve wines from the southern plots of the Montagne de Reims brought liveliness while those from Verzenay and Ay in 2002 and 2004 gave elegant structure. Finally, reserve Chardonnays from Villers Marmery and Trépail added their touch of freshness. In all, the reserve wines made up 38% of the final blend, bringing the breadth and roundness so essential to every Édition of Krug Grande Cuvée.

The final composition of this bottle of Krug Grande Cuvée is 48% Pinot Noir, 35% Chardonnay and 17% Meunier.

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Krug Grande Cuvée is born from the dream of one man, Joseph Krug, to offer the very best Champagne every single year, regardless of annual variations in climate. Each year, the House of Krug honours this dream with a new Édition of Krug Grande Cuvée: the fullest expression of Champagne."

If you would like a case of this remarkable Champagne please do let us know as soon as possible. Stocks are offered subject to remaining unsold.

NV Krug Grande Cuvée '164 Edition'

*"Krug's NV Grand Cuvée 164 Edition is a total knockout. Based on the 2008 vintage, the 164th Edition shows all the crystalline tension and energy that is such a signature of the year. At times, the 164 reminds me of the 2008 vins clairs I tasted after harvest. The flavors are brisk, delineated and pulsing with energy, while the more oxidative notes that are such a signature of Krug Champagnes are not especially evident. A wine of total pedigree and class, the 164 reminds me of some of the great Grand Cuvées of the 1960s and 1970s I have been lucky to taste over the years. No Champagne lover will want to be without this spectacular, captivating wine. All that said, readers should be patient, as the 164 is painfully young, austere and in need of serious cellaring. Drink 2027 to 2047. **97 points**" Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

£580 per six bottles in bond (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

Minimum order: one case of 6 bottles.

Payment: on receipt of invoice.

Shipment: immediately available ex-London City Bond.

Delivery: delivery, duty & VAT charged at prevailing rates at time of clearance from bond.

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