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Featured HPS Champagne
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Stephen Tanzer's
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JEAN LAURENT

NV BRUT ROSÉ

92 pts (\$63) (100% pinot noir; disgorged August, 2011): “Bright orange. Redcurrant, cherry and botanical herbs on the pungent nose. Deep flavors of bitter cherry and rhubarb pick up a spicy quality with air. Acts a lot like a red wine, showing very good tension, focus and finishing grip. As usual, this singular Champagne was one of the more intriguing wines of my tastings, but it will likely confound many people.”

NV BLANC DE NOIRS BRUT

91 pts (\$60) (100% pinot noir; disgorged September, 2010): “Light, bright yellow-gold. Complex, pungent bouquet evokes dried pear, buttered toast, lemon curd and toasty lees, with slow-building florality. Deeply pitched but lively, offering bright candied citrus and pear flavors given depth by notes of sweet butter and cherry pit. Clings with impressive tenacity on the finish, with the toast and pear notes echoing.”

NV BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT

90 pts (\$63) (disgorged September, 2010): “Light yellow. Fresh pear, quince, Meyer lemon and chalky minerals on the high-pitched nose. Lively and precise on the palate, with juicy citrus and orchard fruit flavors braced by zesty mineral and spice qualities. Shows very good energy and cut on the gripping finish, which leaves subtle lees and floral notes behind.” - Josh Reynolds



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