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### **91 PTS**      **JEAN LAURENT**      **NV Blanc De Blancs Brut**

(disgorged September, 2008) Light, bright yellow with a steady bead. Smoky aromas of lees, brioche, pear and lemon pith, with an undercurrent of talc. Racy and citrus-driven on entry, fleshing out to offer deeper orchard fruit flavors and notes of honeysuckle and nervy minerals. A dusty mineral element dominates the finish, which is impressively precise and persistent. This would be great with oysters.



### **91 PTS**      **JEAN LAURENT**      **NV Blanc De Noirs Brut**

(100% pinot noir; disgorged September, 2008) Light yellow with a hint of peach skin. Lemon peel, nectarine, candied ginger and lees on the nose, with a hint of floral honey gaining strength with air. Lush and creamy in texture but surprisingly focused, offering mineral- and citrus-accented orchard and pit fruit flavors and a note of sweet honeydew on the back end. Juicy, seductive and pure, with strong finishing florality and an echo of tangy lemon zest.



### **92 PTS**      **JEAN LAURENT**      **NV Cuvée Rose Brut**

(100% pinot noir disgorged September, 2008) Pale red with a delicate bead. Ripe raspberry and blackberry on the nose, with hints of cherry pit and violet adding depth. Smells like a red wine and tastes like one, too, offering pliant red fruit and floral flavors and a touch of bitter botanical herbs on the back end. The finish features notes of licorice and bitter cherry and lingers with impressive persistence. This acts like a wine more than any Champagne I can recall.



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