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NV Dosnon & Lepage Recolte Brute Extra-Brut

Light, bright gold. Oak-spiced pear and orange aromas are complemented by vanilla, mint and toasty lees; reminded me of a wine from Ramonet. Sappy, sharply focused orchard fruit and tangerine flavors are sweetened by vanillin oak and become spicier with air. While this is undeniably marked by wood, the oak asserts itself seductively rather than assertively. Finishes long and with lingering spiciness.

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NV Dosnon & Lepage Recolte Noire Brut

Yellow-gold with a steady bead. Dried pear, citrus and smoky mineral aromas are complicated by floral, vanilla and blonde tobacco notes. Zesty, mineral-accented orange and pear flavors blend finesse with power, picking up a sweet honeysuckle quality with air. Finishes taut, long and vibrant, with the mineral note repeating. I love this style.

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NV Dosnon & Lepage Recolte Rose Brut

Bright salmon-skin color, with an aggressive bead. Mineral-driven aromas of redcurrant, Bosc pear, yellow rose, anise and minerals. Firm and focused, offering spicy red berry and succulent herb flavors, with dusty minerals adding grip and lift. Manages to be deep and lively at once, with a strong jolt of blood orange on the back end. Intriguing for its freshness as well as its power, with excellent finishing clarity and tangy persistence.