



HOUSE OF TOWNEND

FAMILY WINE MERCHANTS SINCE 1906

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## Dopff & Irion Crémant Brut Blanc de Blancs

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| <b>Price</b> | £17.99  |
| <b>Code</b>  | DOPF020 |

From a small, five hectare biodynamic estate, this has pretty almost floral hints, fresh and lively in the mouth with a clean fresh finish

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### Tasting Notes:

Light golden in appearance with silver tints, transparent and luminous. Sophisticated notes of apple and almost floral hints. The palate is fresh and supple, with refined citrus notes, fruit and almond on the finish.

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## Specification

### Vinification

The entire bunches of grapes are placed into a press via a conveyor belt, so as not to damage the fruit. The wine is carefully made at a controlled temperature. The obtained base wine is matured in vats for about 6 months before bottling and the addition of yeast to produce carbon dioxide. This is done by adding a tirage liqueur made from yeast and sugar, in view of achieving a second fermentation inside the bottle. Our wines are matured on laths for 12 to 15 months, before being disgorged (to eliminate the deposits of accumulated yeast). This period of time is more than the 9- month minimum requirement for this appellation. All of our Crémants are "Brut". Indeed, when the disgorging is undertaken, the added sweet liqueur (called expedition) is limited to a concentration of less than 15 g/l of sugar to produce Crémants with a dry and elegant style. Along the lines of Champagne, the wines are not derived from a single vintage, thereby allowing us to blend the production of various years, depending upon their characteristics. The objective is that of obtaining an even standard of quality, despite the differences from one year to the next.

### ABV

12%

### Size

75cl

### Drinking Window

Drink Now

### Country

France

### Region

Riquewihr

### Type

Sparkling Wine

### Grape Mix

50% Pinot Blanc, 50% Auxerrois

### Genres

Practising Organic

### Vintage

NV

### Style

Brut

### Body

Refined, elegant and refreshing

### Producer

Dopff & Irion

### Producer Overview

Based in the Hansel and Gretel-like village of Riquewihr in the heart of Alsace, this highly respected producer, dating back to the 16th century is now in the hands of the Cave de Pfaffenheim. Established in 1957 by the growers of the villages of Pfaffenheim and Guebenschwir, this is one of the top cooperatives in Alsace. There is a very focused and environmentally friendly vineyard regime, all grapes are handpicked and a great deal of investment has gone into the winery.

### Closure Type

Cork

### Food Matches

Perfect as an aperitif with dried fruit, or at the dinner table with salmon rillettes, prawns, Carpaccio of sea bream with basil, sushi, tabouleh, vegetable terrine, grilled sole with lemon. It goes wonderfully well with fresh goat's cheese. Equally worth trying at dessert time with vacherin and cheesecake.

### Press Comments

Jancis Robinson, The Financial Times, November 2022: "Mostly Pinot Blanc and Auxerrois and made by the Pfaffenheim co-op that has taken over the house of Dopff & Irion, based at Riquewihr. Some autolysis on the nose. Really well made. There's fruit, rather than sweetness, and it's very refreshing."