



# Ayala

## Blanc de Blancs

CHAMPAGNE

### 2010



**Dosage:**  
6 g/L  
**Alcohol:**  
12%



#### ESTATE

Founded in 1860 by Edmond de Ayala, Ayala is one of the most historic houses in Champagne. It was one of the 18 founding members of the “Grandes Marques de Champagne” syndicate in 1882 and went through a golden age in the 1920s and 1930s, when it was one of the largest 10 houses in Champagne. Known more recently as “the sleeping beauty of Champagne,” it began its reascent to fame when it was purchased the Bollinger group in 2005.

Based in the village of Aÿ, Ayala is known for its a delicate but pleasurable style, large chardonnay component, and low levels of dosage. The “sleeping beauty” reference is to its jewel-like Art Deco cellars from 1912, consisting of 1.6 miles of chalk tunnels extending 75 feet underground, which provide perfect temperature and humidity. The wines are crafted by Caroline Latrive, one of only 2 female cellar masters in Champagne.

#### WINE

Ayala Blanc de Blancs 2010 is 100% Chardonnay from 4 Premier and Grand Cru



villages on the Cote des Blancs: Chouilly, Oiry, Cremant and Vertus.

#### VINEYARD

Ayala currently owns 35 acres in Champagne. Thanks to its privileged location in the heart of the Grand Crus of Montagne de Reims and their link to Bollinger, they also have unique access to top quality grapes.

#### VINIFICATION

Everything from grape reception to vinification, aging, riddling and disgorgement is done at the Ayala cellars. The Blanc des Blancs rests on the lees in the cellar for 6 years after disgorgement, in order to develop complexity, intensity and roundness on the palate.

#### TASTING NOTE

Subtle and inviting, this wine is focused and features delicate aromas of white flowers, citrus, clear honey and frangipane. Offering both balance and volume, the flavors on the palate shows great coherence with the aromas, marked by notes of lemon zest and white flowers. Its silky texture gives it an ethereal quality, that lingers on the fine mineral finish.

“Wow factor purity of chardonnay fruit on the nose here, with lemon and grapefruit as well as hints of banana and an attractive, fresh chalky edge. The palate has punchy, flavorsome and succulent citrus and green apple fruits. Extremely crisp. Drink now.”

— 93 Points James Suckling