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## WINE CELLAR'S TOP BUBBLES FROM R130

Wine Cellar recently conducted a blind tasting of 10 top Methode Cap Classiques. Besides finding a huge variety of styles and a broad spectrum of quality, it reaffirmed that our two favourite houses are firmly ahead of the pack. **Colmant Brut** and **Silverthorn Green Man** possess Champagne-like elegance and the finest of mousses. The Colmant is more fragrant and generous with immense richness and length. It won best Brut in the country at the **Cap Classique Challenge 2013** and is frankly a complete bargain at R130! The Silverthorn is slightly more austere and savoury with a phenomenally long tail and fine mousse. Silverthorn has also just received **five stars from the Platter guide**.

Aside from the local bubbles, we are offering a 10% discount on three wines from our Champagne agencies. **Jacquesson** was recently elevated to a **five-star house** by world Champagne expert Richard Juhlin along with only five other houses, including Krug, Roederer and Selsosse.

Don't miss our upcoming Champagne tastings in [Cape Town](#) and [Joburg](#). (The line-up will include Jacquesson Single Vineyards and Roederer Cristal.) R500

3 December, Wine Cellar, Cape Town

10 December, Cape Wine Academy, Joburg

Producer	Wine	Vintage	Score	Price	Order
Jacquesson	Cuvée 736	NV	WA 92	R 595	
Drappier	Brut Rosé	NV	WA 91	R 415	
Le Mesnil	Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs	NV		R 395	

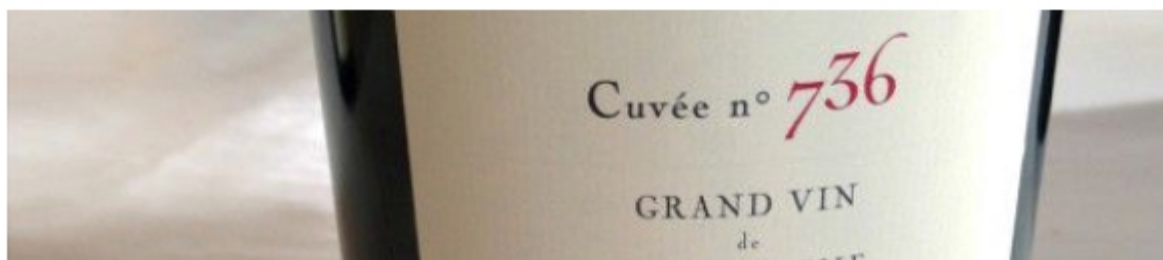
\*10% discount on prices above

Silverthorn	Green Man Blanc de Blancs	2010	5* Platter	R 172	
Colmant	Brut Reserve	NV	WA 92	R 130	

\*WA – Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

Free delivery on orders of six bottles or more for this offer only. To place your order, please reply to this email. You can also call us 021 448 4105 (CT) or 011 027 9463 (JHB).

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*"Jacquesson is one of the most interesting houses today, giving fantastically good value for money. I am so impressed by their latest release that I awarded them 5 stars!"* writes **Richard Juhlin**, regarded as the foremost Champagne expert and author of numerous Champagne books.

#### Tasting notes

##### **Jacquesson Cuvée 736 NV**

I also tasted the NV Brut Cuvée No. 736, which Jean-Herve Chiquet disgorged 'à la volée,' which means the wine is not technically finished, hence the score in parentheses. The 736 is based on the 2008 vintage, a year that yielded pure, racy Champagnes built on energy and tension, a style I personally like quite a bit. The 736 presents incredible aromatic nuance and layers of finely sculpted, chiseled fruit. An intense, saline and citrus-laced finish rounds things out in style. This is shaping up to be a great 700-series Champagne from Jacquesson, perhaps the best yet. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023. 92 Points – Antonio Galloni

##### **Drappier Brut Rosé NV**

The NV Drappier Brut Rose is very, very pretty. This is a fresh, energetic wine that impresses for its length and persistence. The wiry finish suggests the wine will drink well for a number of years, perhaps more if the fruit fleshes out. 91 Points – Antonio Galloni

##### **Le Mesnil Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru NV**

Regarded as the finest co-operative in the world, Le Mesnil provides many of the top Champagne houses with Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs. 10% is bottled under Le Mesnil and after five years on the lees, the Non-Vintage is a profound Blanc de Blancs that offers exceptional value. Raved about by Jamie Goode and Jancis Robinson, Tim Atkin MW recently rated it **93/100!**

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Vinous regards,  
Roland and the Wine Cellar team



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