

# THE FINEST BUBBLE

## PRESTIGE CHAMPAGNES

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## Dom Pérignon Six Vintages Case

Dom Pérignon is the prestige cuvée of Moët & Chandon, but the production, style and sheer class of the wines are so distinguishable, the two brands are best considered autonomous. Dom Pérignon is produced on premises in Épernay and is based on a core of grand cru villages, including the oldest vines of the premier cru of Hautvillers, the historical and spiritual home of Dom Pérignon. 'The Dom' is a wine of tension, power and long-aging endurance and has been the vision of the talented Richard Geoffroy, Chef de Cave, for over two and a half decades.

Richard Geoffroy makes the decision each year as to whether or not the vintage will be declared. "If the fruit we have harvested doesn't satisfy the Dom Pérignon criteria, there will not be a vintage that year." For the first time in the brand's history Dom Pérignon has released five consecutive vintages, all stunning representations of their respective year of birth. In an interview with Richard Geoffroy he told TFB that he had been criticised by some for releasing five consecutive vintages, but as he points out as custodian of Dom Pérignon he believes that even though 2003 was a challenging year the resulting wine is a true expression of the vintage and is worthy of its place in the line-up.

Beginning with 2002 and ending with the recently released 2006, the five vintages are all quite different reflecting the conditions surrounding the development of the grapes throughout their growing season. Add to this an excellent bottle of 1999 then this is an amazing mixed case and a true tasting experience for you to enjoy. Dom Pérignon from six sublime vintages.

It is true to say that the wine world decided that in the case of quality, over the last decade, the even vintages in Champagne appear to be more highly rated than that of odd years. During a blind tasting of these 6 vintages, it was actually proven, with the team at TFB and Jancis Robinson MW tasting the wines blind, yet scoring the even vintages slightly higher than the odd years. Not to say the years of 2003 and 2005 were inferior, the difference in scoring was a mere 0.5 to 1 point difference. It is just that the 02, 04 and 06 gave a little more in the glass and will probably age gracefully over a longer period of time. The 1999 was not included in the blind tasting but was tasted afterwards and scored up there with the 2002, 2004 and 2006, hence the inclusion in this limited edition six bottle gift box.

### A Summary of the Vintages

1999 – An exquisite vintage that is now increasingly rare due to its age. A smoky and citrus palate combines with plenty of fruit on the palate and although its perfect for drinking right now the secondary flavours that develop with maturing champagne are only just coming through, so it's still capable of aging for many more years.

2002 - Dom Pérignon 2002 expresses all the power of grapes picked at the peak of their maturity, while going far beyond the character of the year, enhancing its natural richness and lending it extra precision and depth. Widely recognised as the best Dom Pérignon on the market today.

2003 – A higher percentage of Pinot Noir grapes show through its broad and powerful palate, this was a vintage of extremes, from heavy spring frosts to a summer heat wave. Richard Geoffroy called

it a challenging vintage, but a bewitching wine! Described as "high in phenolics" this is a big champagne, less elegant than 2002, but a great glass of DP.

2004 – A vintage that experienced very consistent weather throughout, a significant amount and size of bunches contributed to a champagne that has an abundance of forward ripe fruit flavours and a refreshing balance of acidity. This was one of Jancis Robinson MW's favourites in the recent blind tasting we held at TFB.

2005 – The smallest of Richard Geoffrey's tenure with production 20-25% of the volume of 2004. The exceptional quality from selection ensures the 2005 is incredibly light, a wine which evolves more on the palate as the flavours develop. This vintage will not be around for very long as quantities were tiny, so enjoy it now as you may not taste it again!

2006 - Beautifully balanced champagne that is already showing hallmarks of a superb vintage, with richness and elegance. Similar weather conditions as 2002 and the longest harvest on record has created a wine full of complexity and creaminess. Another great score from Jancis Robinson MW this wine although very young has all the hallmarks of becoming an exceptional wine.

This six vintage offer is both unique and exclusive to The Finest Bubble. The Champagnes are presented in two stunning 3 bottle wooden cases, in black with DP branding.

