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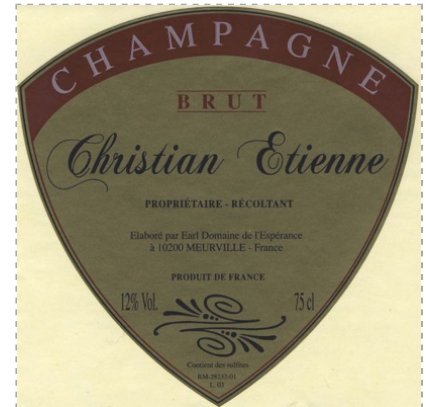
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Christian Etienne is a traditional man trying to do what it takes to keep his tiny 9 hectares producing extraordinary fruit. Located in Meurville, Southeast of the Valle Marnes in Aube / Côtes de Bar, he works his land ecologically, while his six children grow up among the vines, keeping alive the family tradition of many generations. It is testament to their endurance, to survive despite two wars in the region and near bankruptcy in between. The vines are as sturdy as Christian themselves, digging deeply into the pure limestone and chalky soils surrounding the house. They are meticulously cared for, as they are as much part of the family, with proper selection while harvesting. Although the cellar is tiny, Christian vinifies his wines separately, producing several cuvées, charting the expression of each varietal and parcel soil type. These are hand-crafted wines by the best definition. Christian has much to do to keep the family tradition alive. Now, with his popularity climbing in the US, he will secure that continuity for the future.

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