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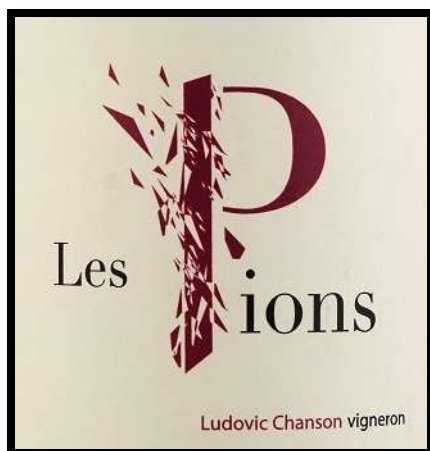
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Ludovic Chanson *Sparkling Montlouis*



2011 Sparkling Montlouis “les Pions”- Ludovic Chanson

Rating: 89+

The vintage date on the les Pions bottling from Ludovic Chanson does not appear on the front label, but on the back label. This is a lovely bottle of sparkling chenin blanc, with all the elegance of the *terroir* of Montlouis in evidence on the nose, but with a snappy and youthful structure on the palate that would like a year or two in the cellar to really blossom. The bouquet is really fine, wafting from the glass in a mix of apple, quince, bee pollen, bread dough, chalky soil tones and a bit of citrus peel in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and snappy, with a fine core, reasonably refined *mousse* and impressive length and grip on the youthfully complex finish. This is not a bad drink today, but will be decidedly better with a year or two of bottle age. 2015-2025+. **89+**.