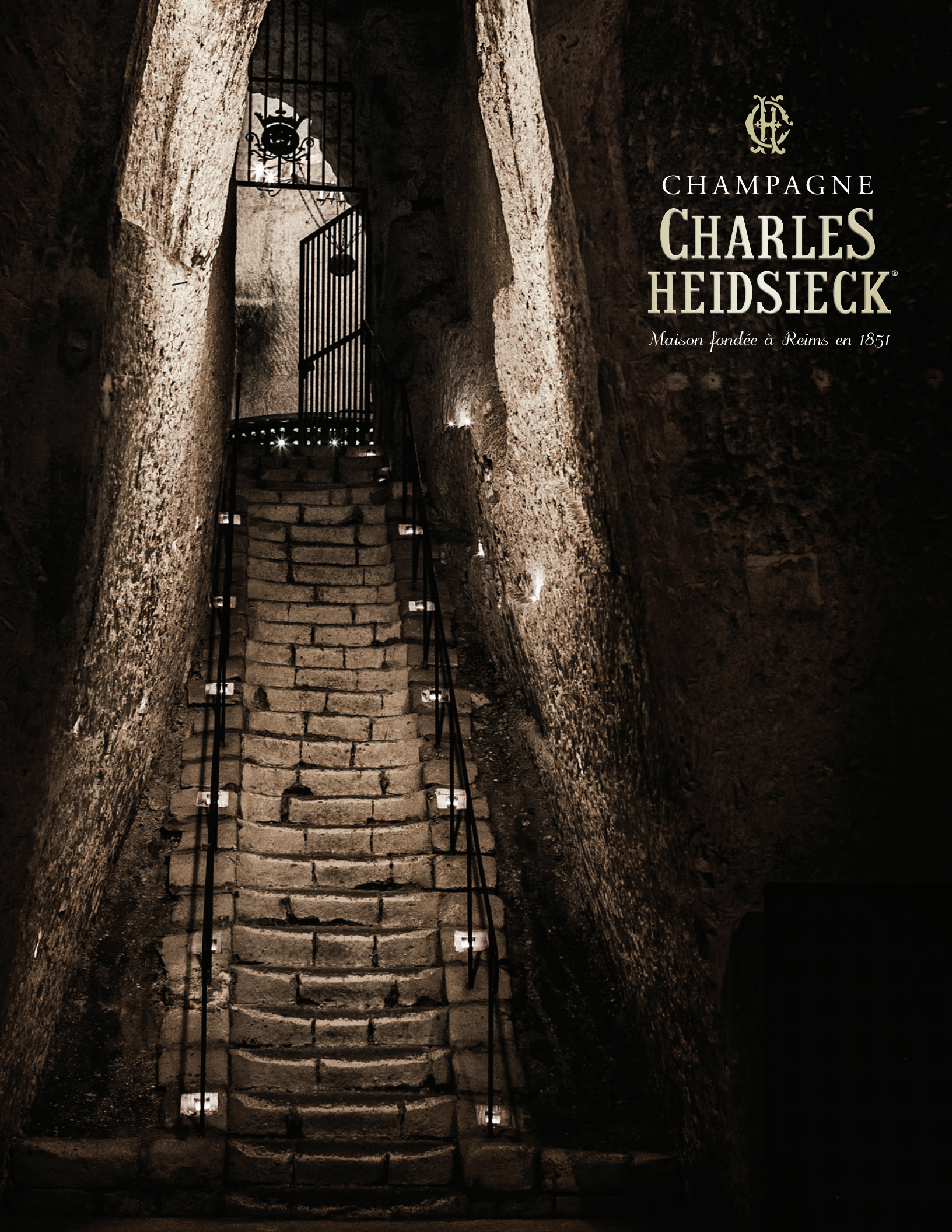




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# Brut Vintage 2005

*A grand cuvée for a grand vintage*

## GENEROUS EFFERVESCENCE

A seemingly endless chain of petite bubbles spiral toward freedom after a decade of cool, gentle aging in our 2,000 year old Gallo Roman chalk cellars deep under Reims

## AUTUMNAL & WARM

The meticulous selection of Pinot Noir (60%) and Chardonnay (40%) heralds the complex personality of this champagne

## VINTAGE 2005

A benevolent year that offered unique balance with the expected firmness of a great champagne vintages paired with the unctuous, ripe clarity of meticulous timing in the vineyards. A creamy texture and long finish are the result of the 2005's distinctive personality

## The Blend

A careful selection of Grand Cru and Premier Cru sites including Vertus, Oger, Avize, Cremant, Vidney, Mailly and Ambonnay. Each place expressive on its own but magical as a cuvee orchestrated by the Chef de Cave

**60% Pinot Noir:** only selecting lots with initial delicacy on the palate and the ability to build powerful aromas with time

**40% Chardonnay:** must possess rich character and presence with an underlying structure and clear mineral seam

## Tasting Notes

**EYE:** A pale, golden straw color with streams of minute, glassy bubbles

**NOSE:** Warm tones of autumn and aromas of praline, toasted hazelnut and fresh brioche

**PALATE:** Generous body with flavors of dried apricots, fresh tree ripe figs and candied nuts



**95**  
WINEENTHUSIAST  
TOP 100

*“Still very young, this holds great potential. Rich, full-bodied and densely structured, it is a wine first, sparkling second. Ripe apple and peach flavors partner with a strongly mineral texture.”*

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## The House

- **In 1851**, Charles Heidsieck founded his house in Reims when he was only 29 years old.
- In 1852, he was the *very first* champagne merchant to travel to America. He became a genuine phenomenon, soon earning the nickname “*Champagne Charlie*”.
- In 1867, Charles Heidsieck invested in **Gallo - Roman Chalk Cellars** dating back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> century; a labyrinth of underground galleries, dug by hand, creating ideal conditions for aging his wines.
- One of these galleries, **Crayère n°9** has inspired the shape of our unique bottle.