

## Veuve Clicquot & Ao Yun Tasting 2019



Date : Thursday, October 10, 2019  
Time : 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Venue : Galerie Ora-Ora  
Wines Tasted : Veuve Clicquot, Yellow Label NV  
Veuve Clicquot, La Grande Dame 2008  
Ao Yun 2014  
Ao Yun 2015

## Our thoughts:

*A great evening with famous champagne and the new steps of Chinese wine. We hosted our*



Mr. Drew Mills

*tasting event for Veuve Clicquot and Ao Yun at Galerie Ora-Ora last week. Great experience to taste the new vintage 2008 of Veuve Clicquot La Grande Dame. An impressive vintage of 2008 in Champagne Region, drier conditions in August and a fine and warm September to bring the health of the grapes perfectly. Vivid and well-structured wines in classically styled balanced by round ripeness, potentially long lived. Together with fascinating stories of Veuve Clicquot shared by Mr. Drew Mills (MHD – Head of Brand Education).*

*Our speakers for Ao Yun is Mr. Maxence Dulou -*

*Director & Winemaker of Ao Yun. Ao Yun (傲雲) means "Flying above the Clouds" in chinese.*

*It represents an unprecedented challenge in setting up a winery in the sky. It is located in the villages at the foothills of the Himalayas. Ao Yun vineyards range in altitude from 2,200 - 2,600 meters, enabling the Cabernet Sauvignon to express the full refinement of this unique terroir from Himalayas Mountain. The Ao Yun terroir enjoys exceptional climatic conditions, with temperatures similar to those of Bordeaux. After 4 years searching across China and continually study the land and adapt their processes, Ao Yun blended with different villages from Himalayas areas, and each village provide an unique, complex and elegant expression. The first vintage produced in 2013. With following each vintage, Ao Yun is playing different song of same music style of Harmony, Elegance and Complexity.*



Mr. Maxence Dulou

## **Veve Clicquot -Remis France-** **ONLY ONE QUALITY, THE FINEST**

- The House style is based on 4 essential elements : Pinot Noir dominance, addition of priceless reserve wines, the House's terroir and long maturation.



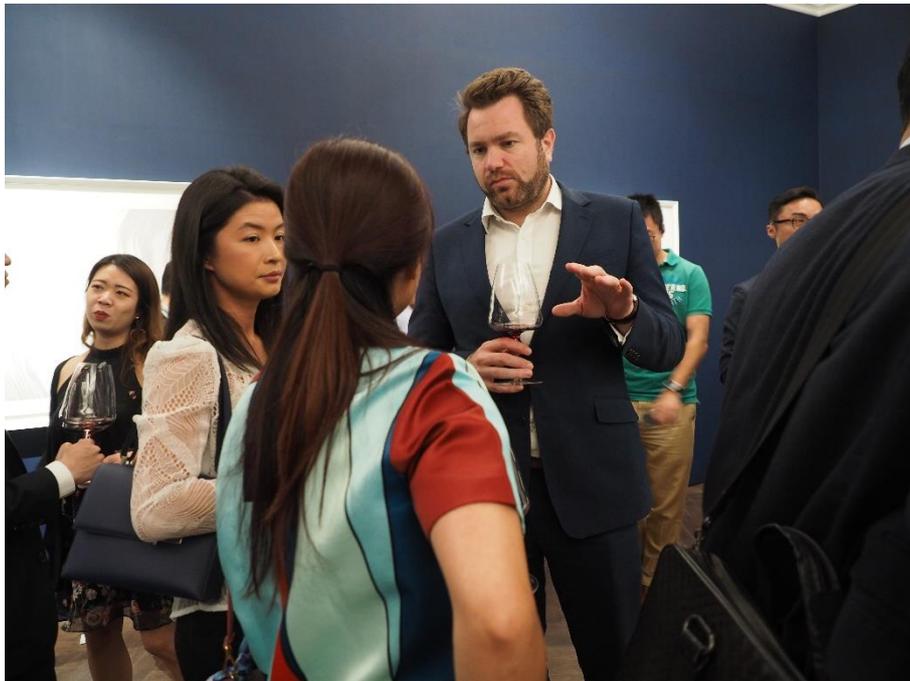
### **Veve Clicquot, Yellow Label NV**

*"The latest rendition of the NV Brut Yellow Label offers up aromas of toasty, honeyed yellow orchard fruit and white flowers, followed by a medium-bodied, open-knit palate with tangy acids, a youthfully frothy mousse and pure if somewhat brief finish. This isn't as powerful as the 2008 Grande Dame, but it's livelier; indeed, based on these examples, there isn't much qualitative gap between the two. Given the quantity produced, this is a creditable effort." **87 points, William Kelley, Wine Advocate***



Veuve Clicquot, La Grande Dame 2008

*“La Grande Dame 2008 has a surprising glint of light gold color. Initially it reveals a strong attack, both aerial and delicate. Upon being released it presents notes of dried fruits (almonds, figs, apricots), ripe white fruits (pears), and finally, subtle toasted notes of hazelnut and praline. The luscious pastry notes are well balanced with the blend’s freshness and clarity. The attack is strong and sharp. La Grande Dame 2008 bestows a silky texture upon young fruits, carried by citrus and red fruit (cherry) notes.”* **VeuveClicquot.com**



## Ao Yun

### A DREAM, A MYSTICAL PLACE, A TRANSCENDENT SPIRIT OF CRAFT

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### Ao Yun 2014

*"Multi-layer identity with spiciness of cinnamon and liquorice, freshness of mint and cedar wood, earthiness of leather and humus, minerality of graphite and lead and sweetness of cherry and black currant. The palate offers a long polished tannic structure, confirming the nose with a myriad of refreshing, fruity and mineral notes such as peony, seaweed, wild black raspberry and graphite. Superb balance between minerality, acidity and sweetness." [lvmh.com](http://lvmh.com)*



Ao Yun 2015

*“On the nose aromas of cold chimenea, sandalwood, frankincense, fresh crushed ripe strawberries, plum, candied cherry. On the palate it is voluptuous and spicy, very seductive and round with extremely soft and dense tannins and a long salty mineral finish.” **lvmh.com***

