

register no. 173 · volume iii · leaf 53 · lot 03

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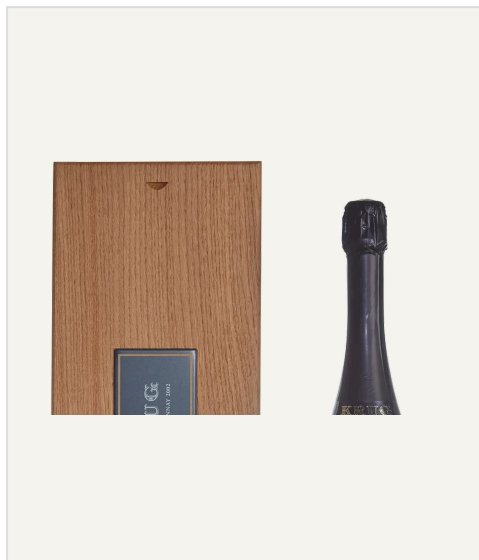
2002 · champagne · krug

placed privately. this report is closed.

register no.	173
volume · leaf	iii · 53
lot in the current offering	03
entered	26 september 2024
mark	no. 173, pressed 4 january 2025
this report	no. 173, written 4 january 2025



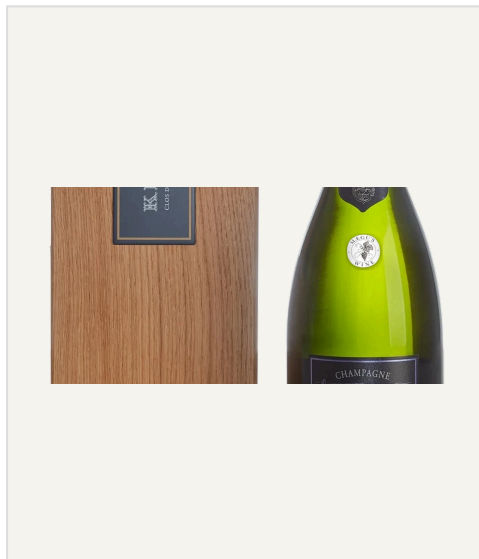
i the plates



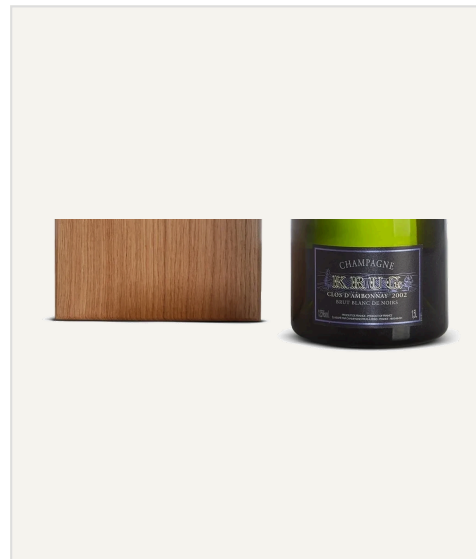
i · capsule and neck



ii · the shoulder, and the mark



iii · the label



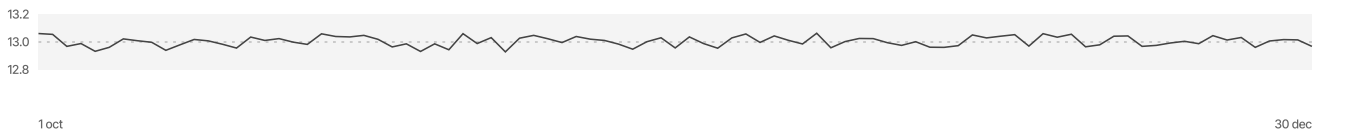
iv · the base

nine plates were taken under raking light and are in the file; these four are details of the bottle as it stands. the plates are placeholders for the house's own photography.

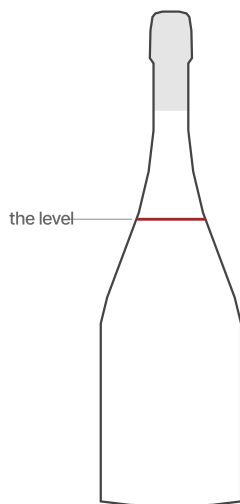
ii the record

41mm	90	17 048	173
fill, below the base of the cork	days at 13.0 °C	alveolus · corridor 02 · face c	mark no., pressed 4 january 2025
01 acquisition 26 september 2024 hand ii passed	02 verification 27 september 2024 hands i and iv passed	03 rest 1 oct – 30 december 2024 hand iii passed	04 placement 17 june 2026 hand ii passed

iii the ninety days

			
ninety days · one reading every five minutes · the band is 13.0 °C ± 0.2			
into the rack	1 october 2024	light	dark at rest. lamps on event only: 6 minutes. dark time 89 d 23 h 54 min.
out of the ninety days	30 december 2024		
readings	25 920 at five-minute intervals	position	resting, label up. not turned. no lift inside the ninety days.
outside the band	none. every reading fell inside the band.	probe	one, in the alveolus · calibrated 19 august 2024 · drift 0.03 °C over the ninety days
humidity	65%, held to ±3		
air	+20 Pa, HEPA and carbon filtered	logged by	hand iii

iv the reading



the level as the register records it, 41 mm below the base of the cork. the glass does not show the surface in this plate; method: neck, cm.

reading	as recorded	taken	by
fill	41 mm below the base of the cork	27 september 2024	i
fill, second reading	42 mm	27 september 2024	iv
fill, as catalogued	"high fill" — the seller's words	26 september 2024	ii
method	neck, cm	—	i
capsule	one nick 3 mm at the lower edge	27 september 2024	i
cork	read through the neck glass. the capsule was not cut and the cork was not drawn; that is the whole of what can be said.	27 september 2024	i
label	a bloom 3 mm, not mould at ×10, not tested	27 september 2024	i
glass	3 bubbles in the wall, largest 2 mm	27 september 2024	iv
weight	1 219 g gross	27 september 2024	i
colour at the shoulder	not assessed. the bottle was not held to the light through the wine.	—	—
seepage	none found at the capsule or the neck	27 september 2024	i
volume	not measured. it cannot be measured without opening it.	—	—
provenance before 2014	not established. see the third column of provenance.	—	—
re-reading after the ninety days	no change from the first sitting	30 december 2024	i

v the lines

01	26 september 2024	01	one bottle bought at a december sale, geneva, lot 1465. the seller's cellar record goes with it.	hand ii	
02	27 september 2024	01	carried in its resting position. the carrier's log reads 483 readings at two-minute intervals, 0 d 16 h 6 min, peak 14.9 °C held 22 minutes.	hand ii	
03		02	first sitting. bench at 20.1 °C. raking light at 2200 k, the beam across the glass at a low angle, one side then the other.	hand i	
04	09:40	02	fill read 41 mm below the base of the cork. the capsule was not cut and the cork was not drawn.	hand i	
05	09:52	02	fill entered at 41 mm.	hand i	superseded · see the line below
06	10:05	02	second sitting, blind to the first.	hand iv	
07	10:19	02	fill read 42 mm. the difference is 1 mm and is inside the ± 2 mm tolerance of the method. both readings stand; the register does not average.	hand iv	correction to the line above
08	1 october 2024	03	into the rack. alveolus 17 048.	hand iii	
09	30 december 2024	03	lifted from the rack for the re-read. back in alveolus 17 048 the same day.	hand iii	
10		03	out of the ninety days. re-read at the shoulder before the press; no change from the first sitting.	hand i	
11	4 january 2025	04	lifted from the rack for the press. back in alveolus 17 048 the same day.	hand iii	
12		04	mark no. 173 pressed on the shoulder, facing the label. the report is numbered to it.	hand i	witnessed, hand iv
13	17 june 2026	04	placed privately, to one collector. the collector is not named in this register.	hand ii	
14		04	lifted from the rack at 43 seconds. the house holds forty-five and does not amend it on one lift.	hand iii	

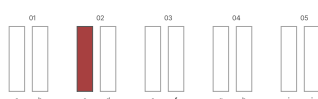
vi what was not established

i	the wine was not tasted. nothing in this report is a note on how it drinks.	iv	this is not a certificate of authenticity. it is a record of what was seen.
ii	the cork was not drawn. what is said of it was read through the neck glass.	v	the years before 2014 rest on the seller's own record and were not verified here.
iii	no grade was given. this house does not grade, and there is no blank here where a grade would go.	vi	the volume in the bottle was not measured; it cannot be measured without opening it.

vii provenance

as stated	as seen here	not in our hands
2003 · the domaine, on release	the seller's cellar record, 2014–2024, dated and continuous	nothing before 2014 in any document we hold
2003–2014 · one cellar, unnamed	the sale invoice, 26 september 2024	no cellar temperature record for the years before 2014
2014 · sold, a december sale, geneva	the carrier's log, 27 september 2024	no photograph of the bottle before it reached this house
	nine plates taken here under raking light	

viii the alveolus



corridor 02 · face c · row 19 of 24 · column 44

address	17 048 · corridor 02 · face c · row 19 · column 44
how it is numbered	face a to face j, row 1 at the floor upward, column 1 at the pass-through end. ten faces, 2 578 columns between them, 24 rows to a face: $24 \times 2\,578 = 61\,872$.
height above the floor	2 200 mm
distance to the pass-through	6.0 m · single depth, one bottle to an alveolus
retrieval	43 seconds on this bottle. the house holds forty-five seconds and does not amend it on one lift.
lifted	three times: 30 december 2024 for the re-read at the shoulder, 4 january 2025 for the press, 17 june 2026 when it was placed. the public pages say a bottle leaves the rack once, when it is placed; that is the lift the collector is told about and it is true of it. the register counts the house's own lifts as well.
to be lifted	not again. it left the caveau on 17 june 2026.

ix the mark



no. 173 · ø 30 mm, at true size. hold a rule to it.

mark no.	173
pressed	4 january 2025 · by hand i · witnessed by hand iv
stock	cotton rag · hand press, one strike, not re-struck
position	on the shoulder, facing the label
numbered to	this report, register no. 173
proof	one plate in the file

x the file, and the term

the file		the term	
plates	nine, raking light	status	placed
proof of the mark	one plate	placed	privately · 17 june 2026
the sale	invoice and cellar record, 26 september 2024	price	not published. this house sells by private treaty.
carrier's log	483 readings, 0 d 16 h 6 min	travels with the bottle	this report and the plates
rest log	25 920 readings		
held	in the file, with the bottle		

this report is closed.

written by	hand i	re-read by	hand iv	last line	17 june 2026
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signed for the house
4 january 2025

nothing in this report is erased. a correction is a new line with its own date, and the line it corrects stays where it was written. hands are entered by number and the house does not print names, its own or anyone else's. collectors and enquirers are not named. prices are not entered.