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*The rise of grower champagnes* Once champagne vineyards sold all their grapes to the big-name brands, but recently growers have been making their own fizz, with exciting results

[...] The founder Sandia Chang has been obsessed with grower champagne since before it was popular; so has Dawn Davies, the master of wine (the wine world's most prestigious title) who is head buyer at the wine and spirits specialists The Whisky Exchange. "The quality of the best grower champagnes is wonderful," Davies says, "such depth and complexity of flavour. Of course, some growers are great and some aren't but when you find the gems..."

[...] Grower champagnes celebrate individuality. "Small growers try to interpret plots but with their own feelings," says Charles-Henry Fourny of Veuve Fourny & Fils. "So even neighbours will not taste the same." He and his brother make beautiful, precise champagnes in the Côte des Blancs, south of Épernay, but there is a charm to his Grands Terroirs, for example, that seems to reflect the quiet charisma of the man [...]

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