



# VINEYARD: STRENGTH AND PRIDE

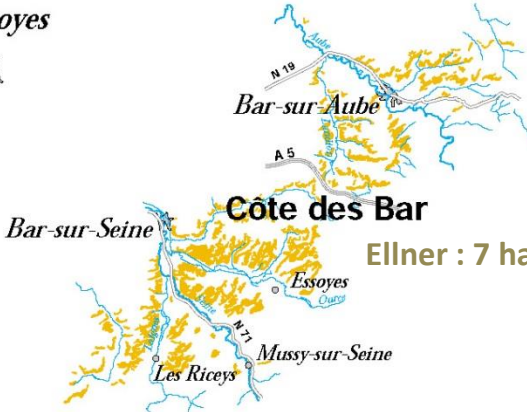
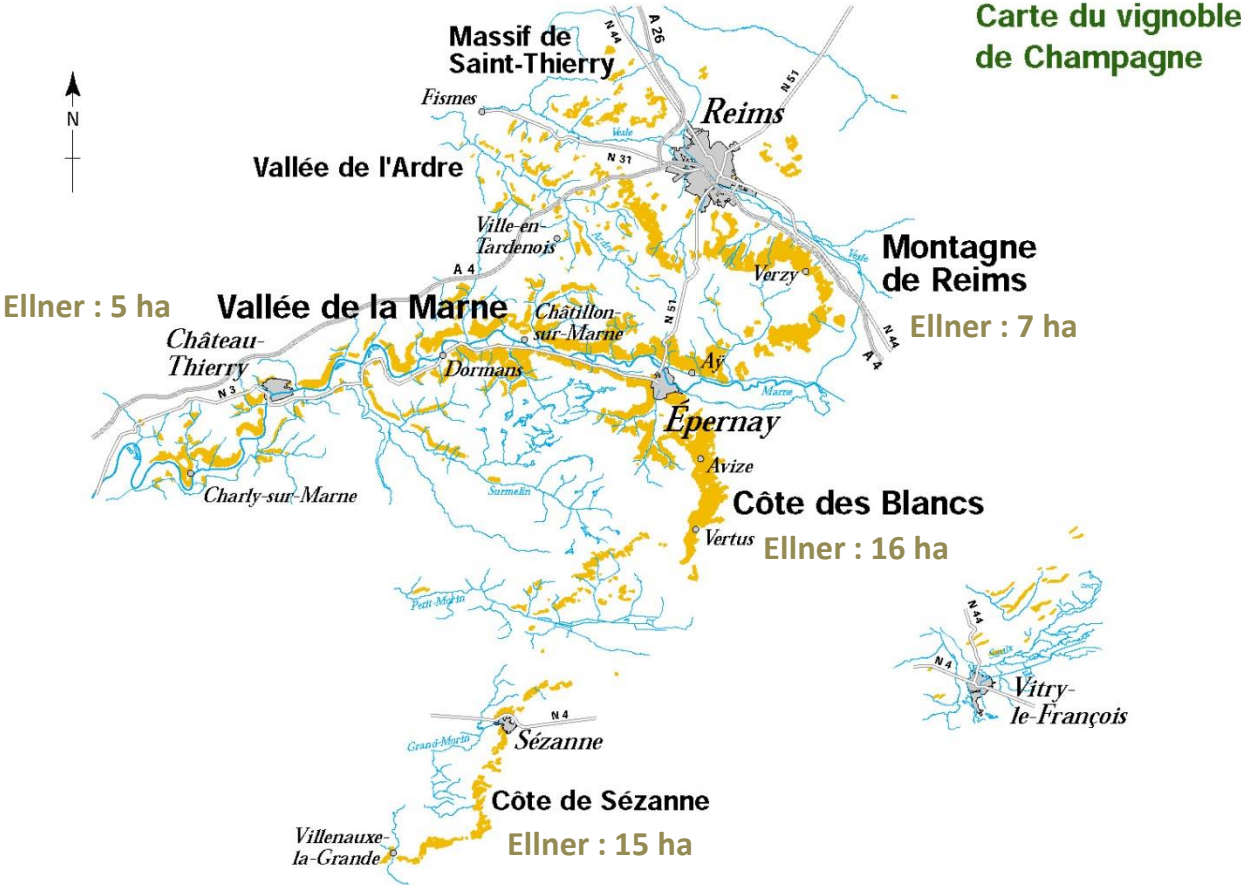
The Ellner family own very substantial areas of vines; their 50 hectares stretch across 5 areas, accounting for more than half of their grape requirements:

- **La Côte des Blancs (Grand Cru Chouilly, Tauxières) et les Côtes d'Épernay** - approximately 16 hectares on chalk dominated soils (limestone, containing relatively little clay). These vines are largely **chardonnay**. These ideal soil conditions, coupled with the perfect location of the vines - sheltered from cold winds – produce a fine and beautifully mature chardonnay. On hills facing in a more southerly direction, Ellner have **Pinot Noir** vines; 11 of the 16 hectares are more than 25 years old and 3 hectares are more than 45 years old.
- **La Montagne de Reims** – including la vallée de L'Ardre to the south west of Reims. Approximately 7 hectares including 5 areas of Premier Cru vines (**Dizy, Champillon, Sermiers, Tauxières, Rilly-la Montagne**) the soil is predominantly pure limestone with relatively little clay. These vines are mostly **Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier** - the specific water content of the soil produces wonderfully powerful and very fine pinots.
- **Vallée de la Marne** – approximately 5 hectares at Château-Thierry and Vauciennes - on limestone soil, with a predominance of clay on the surface, and limestone below. These vines are largely **Pinot Meunier**, which, due to its late budding thrives in this area compared to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The grapes produce wonderfully rich, well rounded wines.
- **Les Côtes de Sézanne** – approximately 50 km south to the South East of Epernay, predominantly at Barbonne-Fayel. Around 15 hectares on limestone, clay and silt dominated soils with some flint. These east facing vines are largely **chardonnay** and produce very elegant wines with wonderfully powerful minerality. These vineyards were established at the start of the 1960s and almost all the vines are over 25 years old.
- **L'Aube:** Ellner owns around 7 hectares of vines at Proverville in the South of the Champagne region, on silt dominated soils. The limestone clay is tougher here than in the rest of Champagne and therefore highly suitable for **Pinot Noir**. With a terrain dating back to the late Jurassic period, Ellner's wines from the l'Aube bring wonderful, rich aromas to their blends.

## OLD VINES

The House of Ellner own vines of a considerable age; two thirds are pre 1990 and one third of vines were planted before 1970. The juice from these old wines allows Ellner to develop wines which best represent their terroir and provenance. They are therefore predominantly used in their high end range and Millésimé champagnes, and can also be found in the Grande Réserve Cuvée.

**Carte du vignoble de Champagne**



 Implantation du vignoble

Verzy Chef-lieu de canton