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Ruinart announces Michelin-star chef partnership, global events series

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Chef Donckele will create signature menus around select Ruinart blends for his Michelin 3-star restaurants. Image credit: Ruinart

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In the spirit of pairing wine with the right gastronomic counterpart, LVMH-owned Champagne house Ruinart has entered into a three-year partnership with renowned French chef Arnaud Donckele.

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In this role, Mr. Donckele will create new dishes for Ruinart events throughout the world. Additionally, the 3-Michelin-star winner will build signature menus around select Dom Ruinart cuves.

"Maison Ruinart is thrilled to team with this unique artist of taste and flavor in a meaningful collaboration anchored in shared values: a passion for excellence, active engagement with modernity, discreet elegance and authentic savoir-faire," said Frdric Dufour, president of **Ruinart**, in a statement.

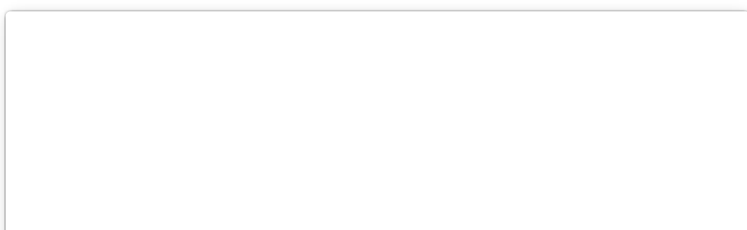
"We are inspired by the same desire to spark emotions and find the ideal harmony between nature and the creative process."

A fine pairing

Chef Donckele currently heads two 3-star Michelin restaurants within the Cheval Blanc group: La Vague d'Or in St. Tropez and Plnitude in Paris.

As part of the partnership, Mr. Donckele will work with Valrie Radou, resident chef at the Maison Ruinart in Reims, France, to develop her culinary offerings.

What is more, the selected talent is partnering with the Champagne house to organize a series of local and global events which aim to teach the art of gastronomy and Champagne-making to the next generation of chefs.



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"I'm a chef who explores the natural richness of products and tries to extract their quintessence," Mr. Donckele said, in a statement.

"This approach which I share with Maison Ruinart has over the years let us forge a deep and lasting connection."

Though the house has not disclosed which editions he will create custom menus around, he would have reason to consider the Blanc de Blancs 2010.

This release recently took top honors in three categories at the 2022 Champagne & Sparkling Wine World Championships: "Best Champagne," "Supreme World Champion, and "Best French Sparkling Wine." With these honors, the 2010 edition became Blanc de Blancs most decorated creation ([see story](#)).

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