



## Piper-Heidsieck Vintage 2006

**Price:** \$106.95 + refundable bottle deposit and handling fee

**Varietal:** Pinot Noir, Chardonnay

**Brand:** Piper-Heidsieck

**LCBO Product #:** 597558

**LCBO:**

**Region:** Champagne, France

**Category:** Regular Consignment

**Bottles Per Case:** 6

**Bottle Size:** 750ml

### Availability

Availability in consignment

### Background

The oldest of the three Heidsieck champagne houses, Piper-Heidsieck was founded in 1785 by Florens-Louis Heidsieck. Ambitious to make his mark, Florens-Louis created a cuvee which he dedicated and presented in person to Queen Marie-Antoinette, a patronage that one assumes was, at a certain point, abruptly severed.

Upon his death, nephew Christian Heidsieck went into partnership with Henri-Guillaume Piper, an energetic entrepreneur who did much to champion champagne throughout the world. Christian died suddenly, his widow married Henri-Guillaume and the company became known as Piper-Heidsieck.

Today, Piper-Heidsieck has established itself as one of champagne's most consistent and reliable expressions. In 2011, the prestigious FINE Champagne magazine awarded the Piper-Heidsieck Rare first place in its Best 100 Champagnes list.

Under the astute direction of Head Winemaker Regis Camus, Piper-Heidsieck's crisply fresh and radiantly vivacious expressions have ascended, in both quality and stature, to a very high level of excellence.

### Tasting Notes

A pale, crystal-clear yellow, to which the higher proportion of chardonnay brings glints of green. A light, airy effervescence. Aromas of dried apricots, notes of little red and black berries (raspberry, blackberry), and a hint of spices. Intense and enticing. Ample and generous harmony. A particularly dense and structured wine, whose generous structure is plush with candied orange peel, highlighted with a touch of smoked tea and toasted almonds. An incredibly long finish with freshness of the Chardonnays tame and the Pinot Noir's vigor. Balanced and elegantly charming.

***Wine Spectator 92 points, Robert Parker 92 points***

