THE As AND Bs OF HOUSE STYLE

Nothing illustrates a House's style better than a tasting. This exercise covers direct comparisons, but do seize a chance to try other champagnes from the two Houses, for example the delicate Ayala greeny-gold Blanc de Blancs Vintage. When tasting, see if you can detect a common theme of aroma and texture, the style, running across the tasting by brand. Between each pair of matches, it is essential to cleanse the palate.

» **Ayala Brut 'Majeur' NV** with **Bollinger Special Cuvée NV**

» **Ayala Rosé 'Majeur' NV** with **Bollinger Rosé NV**

» **'Perle d'Ayal'a Vintage** with **Bollinger 'La Grande Année' Vintage**

Analysis of style in the glass

Appearance	Ayala Brut 'Majeur' NV	Bollinger Special Cuvée NV
Aromas – beginning		
Aromas – after aeration		
Aromas – finale		
Intensity and complexity		
Aromas – key differences		
Palate – attack, freshness		
Palate – texture, body		
Palate – balance, harmony		
Palate – complexity		
Palate – length		
Palate – key differences		
Can you glimpse a **House Style?**		

Appearance	Ayala Rosé 'Majeur' NV	Bollinger Rosé NV
Aromas – beginning		
Aromas – after aeration		
Aromas – finale		
Intensity and complexity		
Aromas – key differences		
Palate – attack, freshness		
Palate – texture, body		
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Open the last pair 10 minutes before serving and ensure that they are served at the appropriate temperature.

Appearance	'Perle d'Ayala' Vintage	Bollinger 'La Grande Année
Aromas – beginning		
Aromas – after aeration		
Aromas – finale		
Intensity and complexity		
Aromas – key differences		
Palate – attack, freshness		
Palate – texture, body		
Palate – balance, harmony		
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Palate – length		
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What do you detect about the House styles? ....
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Is there a common theme for each House? ....

Describe it. ....
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