



## Mery-Melrose

AC Grande Fine Champagne, Cognac

France

Mery-Melrose a 25 hectare independent estate; respecting nature, the vineyards, the winery, and the distillery, is based in the village Salles d'Angles of Grande Champagne, 1er Cru of Cognac.

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### *About Mery-Melrose*

In 1911, the Méry family established their roots in the Grande Fine Champagne region of Cognac, France. With over 100 years of grape growing & 70 years of distilling in the family, François Méry and his wife, Janis Melrose, continue with a new tradition as environmentally conscious and responsible producers. The vineyard, distillery, and cellar are on a small, independent property (built in 1851) in the village of Salles d'Angles. A portion of the vineyard has been organic since 1992, and, in 2011, the entire vineyard was converted to organic production.



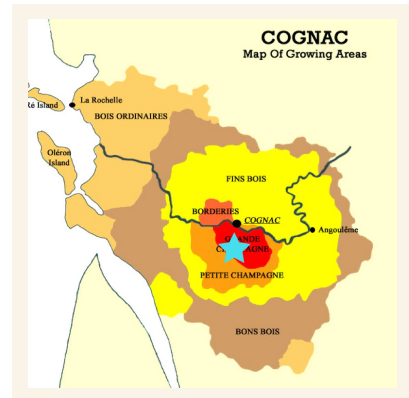
### *Meet Our Winemakers*

#### *François Méry & Janis Melrose*

François Méry is a third-generation grape grower. François' wife, Janis Melrose, a native of Scotland, initiated the conversion of the remainder of the vineyard to organic agriculture. As a testimony to their respect for nature, their young children can often be seen playing in the vineyard.

### *Regional Info*

Located on the western coast of France, the Cognac region covers an area of about 200,000 acres. There are over 274 brands produced by 112 distillers, using grapes from 4,500 growers. The Grande Fine Champagne area is the most prestigious cru, giving full-bodied, powerful, distinct, and persistent flavors. The Grande Champagne area is located to the south of Cognac town, between the river Charente and its tributary, the river Ne. The terroir is characterized by a maritime climate and chalky soils over limestone and sandstone bedrock.



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