

CAVES & VINEYARDS

### OVER 400 GOLD MEDALS AND 30 OUTSTANDING 90+ POINT RATINGS IN THE LAST 5 YEARS



# BLANC DE NOIRS TASTING NOTES

Our Blanc de Noirs is predominantlymade from hand-harvested Pinot Noir grapes, the hallmarks of which are a vibrant red fruit character. The creamy palate and rosy hue are a result of a small addition of Vin Gris, which was blended into the base cuvée. Over forty different clones and selections of Pinot Noir and Chardonnayare planted on our 340-acre estate in our Sonoma location of the Carneros appellation. This allows us to consistently produce cuvées with complexity and clear fruit expression.

pH: 3.29

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.69 g/ 100mL

L: 12.5% DOSAGE: 13.7 g/L

BLEND: 92% Pinot Noir, 8% Chardonnay

APPELATION: Carneros

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

**ALCOHOL: 12.5%** 

Bright strawberry and black cherry aromas with subtle vanilla highlights. Creamy cherry, lemon and cola flavors combine with a lush palate, lively bubbles and a persistent finish.

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Outstanding with crab, Thai cuisine, roast pork, quail, foie gras or semi-sweet desserts. Seasoning affinities include star anise, plum sauce and tarragon. Look to triple aged Gouda or hard aged cheeses with persimmons and hazelnuts for the cheese course.

#### WINEMAKING

This wine was exquisitely crafted with hand-harvested grapes of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from our favorite Sonoma Vineyards. This viticultural diversity allows us to consistently produce cuvées with complexity and pure fruit expression.

- 100% whole cluster pressed.
- 20% to 25% of the premiere taille (first press) was used to add richness and structure.
- 5-7% cold-soaked Pinot Noir juice (Vin Gris) is blended into the base wine for color and to establish the creamy notes on its finish.
- Juice naturally settled overnight (debourbage) to encourage a clean fermentation.
- 100% fermented in stainless steel tanks at 55-60° F to retain vibrancy and freshness.
- Proprietary yeast used for the second fermentation provided a delicate house structure.
- Cuvee is a blend of 18 different base wines.
- Wine spent a year and a half aging en tirage (on the yeast) in our caves.
- Naturally gluten free.

## **GROWERS OF HANDCRAFTED CARNEROS SPARKLING WINE SINCE 1982**