



2019 Drake Estate Vineyard Brut Rosé

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Sourced from the Drake Estate, the base wine is a 50:50 blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Hints of cherry, strawberry, and tangerine jump from the glass in our second ever offering of sparkling rose. Hints of stone fruit and flowers add a delightfully effusive note. Made in the traditional method, the wine spent 4 1/2 years en tirage with a small amount of red wine added during this secondary fermentation. The wine has terrific vibrancy and minerality with flavors of cherry and citrus. The mousse is very fine and can only be achieved with traditional method and longer aging on the yeast. At 4.25 g/L dosage, it is considered very dry with just enough sweetness to balance the palate.

HARVEST 2019

The 2019 growing season started with ample rainfall in the winter months and finished well above average. Wet soil and cool temperatures conspired to delay bud break nearly two weeks later than historical average. Moderate to slightly above average temperatures ensued and the vegetative cycle caught up. Flowering started under ideal conditions but a late May rain event delayed flowering for a week. This had some impact and created some shatter and smaller clusters. These smaller clusters are desirable because they are looser and the smaller the berry, the higher the tendency to yield concentrated and flavorful wines. The remainder of the growing season was largely uneventful. August was largely fog-free, so the nights were warmer and the days sunnier which tended to move photosynthesis and maturation along more quickly. The harvest schedule was mostly routine and rather leisurely with grapes arriving to the winery in pristine condition. The 2019 wines are impressive with excellent color, depth, and precision of site. The polish of the tannins and softer acid profiles will offer early appeal but can certainly hold on for years.

TECHNICAL NOTES

En Tirage: 4 1/2 years

Alc: 12.8%

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