



BENOVIA
WINERY

2012
BLANC DE BLANCS SPARKLING WINE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



VINTAGE NOTES

Practically a textbook vintage, 2012 can be described as amazing in both quantity and quality. Warm and dry weather conditions at fruit set (bloom) allowed for complete pollination resulting in large clusters with many more berries per cluster than normal. We saw a mild summer with very few heat spikes and very little precipitation, making mildew and rot control relatively easy compared to the prior two vintages. The near-perfect weather at harvest allowed us to pick optimally ripe fruit with mature stems, skins and seeds.

WINEGROWER NOTES

Our first sparkling wine at Benovia was sourced from our Martaella Estate Vineyard. We utilized 100% heirloom clones of Chardonnay that retain bright acidity and express beautiful floral and mineral notes.

TASTING NOTES

This 2012 Russian River Valley Blanc de Blancs can be enjoyed by itself as an aperitif, and is perfectly paired with fresh oysters, other shellfish, crab cakes, and line caught halibut. Aromas of candied orange, pineapple and ginger, waft from the glass and are complimented by the fragrance of warm hazelnut and cream. With generous flavors of Mandarin orange and ripe apricot, the palate is rich and full on entry with a savory and lingering finish.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Martaella Estate Vineyard

COOPERAGE

Stainless Steel fermented

HARVEST DATE

August 12th, 2012

DISGORGEMENT

May 2017

ALCOHOL

12%

CASES PRODUCED

240 cases

FERMENTATION

Whole cluster pressed and fermented
with indigenous yeast

RELEASE DATE

July 2017