



BENOVIA
WINERY

2017
BLANC DE BLANCS SPARKLING WINE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



VINTAGE NOTES

The winter and spring of 2017 were the wettest on record, recorded since 1902, for Russian River Valley and Sonoma County. We welcomed the rainfall that filled reservoirs and recharged groundwater after 5 consecutive years of drought. Moderate spring temperatures encouraged the vines out of dormancy with windy and foggy conditions, vines were able to set what looked like a larger than average crop. Several warm weeks in June provided optimal conditions for vine growth and kept our vineyard manager on his toes. The summer conditions were ideal until an extreme heat spike in late August and early September quickly ripened Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, and set off a fast-paced picking schedule.

WINEGROWER NOTES

This is our third sparkling wine produced at Benovia and was sourced entirely 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 2017 Blanc de Blancs is Extra Brut with a dosage of only 0.35g/L. It can be enjoyed by itself as an aperitif and it is also perfect with fresh oysters, Dungeness crab cakes or your favorite sushi. Aromas of lime blossom, ripe pear and fig waft from the glass and are complimented by fragrances of warm hazelnut and cream. With generous flavors of candied lemon and ripe apricot, the palate is rich and full on entry with a savory and lingering finish.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Martaella Estate Vineyard

HARVEST DATE

August 12th, 2017

ALCOHOL

12%

FERMENTATION

Whole cluster pressed and fermented with indigenous yeast

COOPERAGE

Stainless Steel fermented and neutral French Oak barrels

DISGORGEMENT

March 2020

CASES PRODUCED

226 cases

RELEASE DATE

July 2020