

BLANC DE NOIR - SPARKLING WINE

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

VINTAGE: NV

VARIETAL: 100% PINOT NOIR

AVA: SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

GROWER/RANCH: 88% SOLOMON HILLS VINEYARD

12% Puerta del Mar Vineyard

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY: RUSACK VINEYARDS, SOLVANG, CA

Tirage Bottling Date: July 2021

Cases Produced: 83 cases

RETAIL PRICE: \$100.00

Release Date: Summer 2023

AGING: 23 MONTHS

100% French Oak (Neutral)

Tirage: 18 months

BOTTLE ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL: 12.2%

Dosage: 0

Glucose: 6g/l

PH: 2.98

TA: 0.940 g/100 ml

Tasting Notes: Brilliant acidity, fine bubbles with

FINESSE AND PERSISTENCE, LEMON ZEST, WHITE STRAWBERRY, ALMOND CREAM

(CROISSANT), AND BRIOCHE TOAST.

Introducing the first RUSACK Vineyards Blanc de Noir! This luxurious wine embodies the passion and creativity spent over years to see this wine to completion. Comprised entirely of Pinot Noir, the two base wines from 2019 and 2020 vintages were aged separately in neutral French oak barrels and blended in the early spring of 2021. The blend was bottled and tiraged by hand in June of 2021. After cellaring the wine for approximately 15 months in a cool, dark place, we began the labor-intensive process of riddling by hand. Using traditional pupitres (A-frame wooden riddling racks), bottles are set to decline at a 45 degree angle and turned in small increments for six months. The bottles were then disgorged by hand over a series of three days. While some traditional sparkling wines finish with dosage, we chose to leave this wine in a Brut style, culminating in a remarkably balanced 'dry' wine.

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