

2012 Blanc de Blancs Russian River Valley Sparkling Wine



Harvest Notes

An almost 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 2 vintages. The near-perfect weather at harvest allowed us to harvest ripe fruit with mature stems, skins and seeds. .

Winegrower Notes

This is our first sparkling wine at Benovia and was sourced from our Martaella Estate Vineyard. We utilized 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, it is also perfect with fresh oysters and other shellfish, crab cakes, or 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

Harvest Data

August 12th
Alcohol 12%

Fermentation

Whole cluster pressed and fermented with indigenous yeast

Cooperage

Stainless Steel fermented

Disgorgement

May 2017

Cases Produced

240 cases

Release Date

July 2017