

2019 Single Vineyard Brut



DOMAINE CARNEROS

BLEND

54% Estate Grown Pinot Noir 46% Estate Grown Chardonnay

ABOUT OUR SINGLE VINEYARD BRUT

We are thrilled to showcase our Le Ciel Serein vineyard for our sixth Single Vineyard sparkling release. Starting with the 2014 vintage, we have selected fruit from a single vineyard each year that truly exemplifies its site, wholly, and vividly.

We call it "Le Ciel Serein" and it just might be the most picturesque ranch in Carneros. This landmark site, memorialized as Bliss Hill, the background for Microsoft Windows XP, was selected for its rolling hills, diverse exposure, and exceptional soils. Developed between 2002 and 2004, it has been carefully planted to a wide variety of Pinot Noir clones and only a select couple blocks of Chardonnay. The 2019 vintage proved itself by delivering lush, aromatic, and mature flavor development of the UCD 17 - one of sparkling winemaker Zak's all-time favorites Chardonnay clones.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2019 growing season started with saturated soils thanks to abundant winter and spring rains. Cooler weather throughout the summer meant plenty of time for flavors and aromatics to develop, and an early heat spike in August helped push the ample crop of grapes to full maturity, with a harvest start date of August 15. The continuing heat of August resulted in a fast and furious sparkling harvest of 22 days. The wines that resulted have a focused elegance on the palate that finishes with bright acidity.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

This wine opens with notes of nectarine, lychee, kiwi fruit, raspberry, and marzipan. The palate continues with enchanting flavors of apple pie, lemon zest, and quince. Even in its youth, our 2019 Single Vineyard Brut shows beautiful complexity and depth with soft delicate bubbles that lead to a lingering finish. It will age gracefully if you have the patience to wait.

SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

Our winemaker Zak Miller suggests pairing this 2019 vintage with double or triple cream cheeses, pork chops, or mushroom risotto.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Carneros | Vineyard: Le Ciel Serein

Alcohol: 12.0%

pH: 3.2

TA: 0.79g/100ml Sugar (dosage): 0.9%

PRICE

\$82