

BLACK HILLS ESTATE WINERY

BRUT

VINTAGE NOTES

Our second bottling of our sparkling 'Brut' is based on fruit from the 2019 vintage. The fruit was gently hand harvested and whole bunch pressed, with the clear juice being fermented in a combination of stainless steel tanks and neutral oak barrels. The Chardonnay component (79%) brings fresh citrus characters, floral notes and finesse to the wine, while Pinot Noir (21%) adds richness and weight. The cuvee underwent traditional method fermentation in bottle, and rested on its yeast in bottle for 40 months. During this time it developed yeast driven complexities such as brioche and meringue. After this maturation the wine was riddled and disgorged to remove the yeast, and a small dosage was added to complete the wines complexity and balance.

TASTING NOTES

This Brut shows tremendous tension and energy, benefiting from the moderate 2019 vintage that serves as its base. Chardonnay fruit immediately comes to the fore, with bright, focused lemon and tangerine oil that is lifted by perfumed jasmine. There is a mouth-coating richness to the wine from the Pinot Noir, which adds a delicate accent of red apple and crisp wild raspberries. With an extended aging of 40 months on its lees, this shows a generous toasty, autolytic character, which seamlessly wraps the fruit to add another layer of complexity. As a result, the mousse is refined and persistent, backed by a distinctive chalkiness that carries the palate and is characteristic of these cooler, high-elevation vineyards. The Brut rests in bottle for 12 months post-disgorgement ahead of its release, allowing a harmonious integration of the Extra Brut dosage, which leads to a long, very finish.



WINEMAKING

Harvesting: Hand harvested. Hand sorted. Whole bunch pressed.

Fermentation: Fermented in stainless steel tanks and neutral French oak puncheons with selected yeasts.

Maturation: 40 months en tirage.

Disgorged March 22, 2023

Cases produced: 6270 bottles

ABV: 12.0% **PH:** 3.2 **TA:** 8.1 **Dosage:** 4.1g/L

BLEND

79% Chardonnay
21% Pinot Noir