



DOMAINE CARNEROS.

2016 Estate

## Single Vineyard Sparkling

### BLEND

74% Chardonnay, 26% Pinot Noir

### ABOUT OUR ESTATE VINEYARD BRUT

We are thrilled to showcase our Estate Vineyard for our third 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. These are special wines: finely detailed singular portraits of each of the five vineyards that comprise our symphonic Estate Brut.

Our Estate Vineyard, first planted in 1987, comprises the rolling 100 acres surrounding our Château. Planted with 66% Chardonnay and 33% Pinot Noir grapes, this vineyard has been with us since the beginning and annually contributes several vineyard blocks to our tête de cuvée Le Rêve Blanc de Blancs.

To craft these wines, we initially identify the standout vineyard at harvest, noting the fruit that best articulates a sense of place. Then, we taste it as a pre-cuvée to confirm, indeed, it is a truly complete wine with honest, expressive site character before guiding it through the exacting process of méthode traditionnelle. The greatest joy of crafting a single vineyard sparkling is tasting its unique evolution over time, as all the elements come together in an even more beautiful way than ever expected.

### HARVEST

2016 started with early bud break, so we braced ourselves for an early harvest. We began with Sparkling on August 1, our second earliest vintage in the past decade. We had great quality due to the mild spring and early summer.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine opens with a refined, delicate nose of lime zest, honeysuckle, and lemon grass, with just a touch of toast. In contrast, the palate possesses a serious density and drive; flavors of key lime, blanched almonds, white raspberry, and Asian pear linger in a long finish. Even in its youth, this wine shows beautiful complexity and integration. It will age gracefully if you have the patience to wait. *Only 530 cases were produced.*

### TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Carneros | Vineyard: Estate  
Alcohol: 12.0%  
pH: 3.1  
TA: 0.9g/100ml  
Sugar (dosage): 0.9%

PRICE \$80

