



DOMAINE CARNEROS.

2017 Blanc de Blancs



BLEND

85% Estate Grown Chardonnay
15% Estate Grown Pinot Gris

ABOUT OUR BLANC DE BLANCS

Great winemakers love the opportunity to try something new, and are particularly captivated by experiments with promising results. One such experiment has resulted in this exclusive wine. Starting her career in the 1970s, founding winemaker Eileen Crane was fortunate to have the opportunity to conduct trials with varieties not widely used in sparkling wine. She became intrigued with Pinot Gris, a white wine grape variety grown in the Champagne region, and discovered how well it complemented Chardonnay. In 2012, she created a new wine based on this brilliant potential. Our Blanc de Blancs has incredible structure and freshness from its core of Chardonnay, highlighted by beautiful fruit and floral notes of the Pinot Gris.

HARVEST NOTES

In 2017, Carneros was gifted with its 3rd wettest winter in 125 years, refilling reservoirs and aquifers that had been depleted in the previous drought years. Happy vines developed healthy canopies which tempered the higher-than-average temperatures and brief heat spikes that characterized the growing season. Harvest began on August 7th, a fairly typical start date in Carneros. The resulting wines show beautiful depth, concentration, and freshness.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Our Blanc de Blancs has quickly become a club favorite. On the nose, playful aromas of golden apple, lychee, lemon zest, and orange blossom are underpinned by a flinty minerality. The palate reveals a serious wine with focused fruit and plenty of structure; seamless flavors of grilled lemon, brioche, honeydew, and shortbread flow long on bright acidity. Beautifully integrated, fresh and lively, this wine will continue to evolve over the next several years.

SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

This elegant wine would pair beautifully with a pear and endive salad, macadamia encrusted halibut, or tilapia with a rich cream sauce.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Carneros
Alcohol: 12.0%
pH: 3.1
TA: 0.83g/100ml
Sugar (dosage): 0.9%

PRICE

\$62

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