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2018
vin pétillant
napa valley



TECHNICAL NOTES:

*Blend: 52% Pinot Noir, 48% Chardonnay
AVA: Napa Valley
Production: 65 cases
Alcohol: 11.5%
Release Date: March 15th, 2019*

VINEYARD

The fruit for the 2018 Vin Clair is sourced from Block House Vineyard, centered in the heart of Napa Valley. Hailing from the Yountville AVA, Block House Vineyard was originally planted in 1836 by George C. Yount after receiving the Rancho Caymus land grant from General Vallejo. The name Block House stems from George C. Yount's first Kentucky-style defense outpost in the frontier west of the Mississippi River. This vineyard is thought to be amongst the oldest in all of Napa Valley.

The eastern portion of the Yountville AVA is comprised of multiple alluvial bands of both sedimentary soils and clays as well as riddled with volcanic outcrops. With its close proximity to the San Pablo Bay, Block House Vineyard is a relative cool growing region, often times blanketed with cold wet air until the early afternoon; this cool climate allows sufficient hang time for Vin Clair and Vin Rubis.

VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage was a vintage about patience. From the onset of the growing season, there were beautiful, steady growing conditions with abundant rains in the early season and endless sunshine on the emerging buds through flowering. Cool night and warm days lead to a slow and lengthened ripening, creating greater fruit complexity with beautiful bright acidity.

WINEMAKING

Vin Pétillant is a sparkling wine blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay that is comprised of two wines we produce: 75% Vin Clair and 25% Vin Rubis. Prior to the completion of primary fermentation, the wine is bottled and capped, where fermentation is carried out naturally to full dryness in the bottle creating effervescence in the wine. All bottles are riddled and disgorged by hand prior to release.

WINE

Our 2018 Vin Pétillant is a unique sparkling rosé made from 52% Pinot Noir and 48% Chardonnay. A delicious aperitif or brunch bubbly, and a great match for smoked salmon, oysters or fresh cheeses. Fine bubbles intertwine flavors of ripe pear and red apple with strawberries and cream. The nose is delicate and floral, with notes of cherry blossom, rose petal and orange zest. The wine is rich on the palate with a mouthwatering freshness and vivaciously creamy bubble equal to many fully sparkling wines.

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