



SOTER VINEYARDS

2016 Mineral Springs Blanc de Blancs

THE VINEYARD. Mineral Springs Ranch (MSR) is a 240-acre Biodynamic farm and vineyard in the heart of Oregon wine country. Mineral Springs Vineyard consists of 50 acres of Pinot noir and Chardonnay situated along the ridge line of the property. The combination of respectful farming, ancient marine soils, and temperate climate, result in wines that are layered, nuanced, and captivating while expressing their singular place of origin. We have been producing traditional method sparkling wines since our first vintage in 1997. Every step of winegrowing and production is done in-house by our team led by Winemaker Chris Fladwood, and Winegrower Tony Soter.

THE VINTAGE. 2016 started off with ample warmth and sunshine and bud break occurring two to four weeks ahead of what we consider normal. Flowering was punctuated with more than a few hot days, compressing the normally three to four-week period, which resulted in a smaller fruit set than the previous two years. The summer that followed was cooler than 2014 or 2015, but still full of sunshine, with refreshing nights. Captivating aromatics coupled with pointed acidity tendered the rarest combination of concentration and elegance this vintage.

AROMAS

clover honey
apricot
golden apple

PRIMARY FLAVORS

green melon
white peach
yellow apple

SECONDARY FLAVORS

young almond
breadfruit
mascarpone

FINISH

fine mousse
bright

VARIETALS

100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION & VINEYARD

Yamhill-Carlton
Mineral Springs Vineyard

FERMENTATION & AGING

30% oak, 70% stainless steel
aged 6 years en tirage

Disgorged January 2023
Dosage 3g/L

ALCOHOL

12.8%

PRODUCTION

168 cases

REFLECTIONS

The 2016 Blanc de Blancs is produced from the precious little Chardonnay grown at Mineral Springs Vineyard. Everything about this wine, from the pale translucent gold color, to the incredibly fine and persistent bubbles, contributes to an exquisite, effervescent tasting experience. Subtle notes of green melon, young almond, and clover honey are just a few of the flavors we picked out of this wholly enjoyable glass of wine. This sparkling wine has spent a remarkable six years aging on tirage and embodies the essence of elegance.

