

Racines

2020 GRAND RESERVE SPARKLING



Racines is a collaboration by two classic houses from France, led by Etienne de Montille and Brian Sieve of Burgundy and Rodolphe Peters of Champagne. The team came together to join their individual experiences in hand-crafting wines of purity and transparency to create a range of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the cool climate of the Sta. Rita Hills in California.

Our Grand Reserve cuvée is a sparkling Blanc de Blanc traditional method consisting of 100% Chardonnay. The 2020 vintage base also includes 50% reserve wines from the 2018 and 2019 harvests, and blends various terroirs from the Sta. Rita Hills.

VINEYARDS

This wine is sourced from Wenzlau Family Vineyard, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, La Rinconada Vineyard and Bentrack Vineyard. The varying soil types of these four distinct sites lend to an elegant, expressive wine with great minerality and length.

PRODUCTION

The grapes were manually harvested into small bins and pressed as whole bunches with soft and slow pressing. The wines were aged in bottle for 30 months on lees, with no fining or filtration.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Dosage: 4.0 g/L (Extra Brut)

Alcohol: 12.5%

Bottled: April 2021

Soil Type: Sorento loam, Gazas clay loam,

Disgorged: February 2023

Tierra sandy loam

After more than fifteen years of consulting throughout the world and numerous partnership requests outside of France, the wines of Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs that I discovered from Santa Barbara, finally got me to select these magnificent terroirs in the Sta. Rita Hills to produce, for the first time, limited quantities of my own Sparklings within the Racines project.

- RODOLPHE PÉTERS