

# Racines

## 2018 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 2018 vintage base also includes 15% Reserve wines from the 2017 harvest, and blends various terroirs from the Sta Rita Hills.

### VINEYARD SOURCE

This wine is sourced from Wenzlau Family Vineyard, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard and Bentrack Vineyard. The varying soil types of these three 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.

*Dosage:* 4.5 g/L (Extra Brut) | *Bottled:* May 2019 | *Disgorged:* November 2021

### TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

*Alcohol*  
12.5%

*Cases Produced*  
352

#### *Soil Types*

Sorento loam, Gazas clay loam,  
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 PETERS