

## 2019 Reflection Blanc de Blancs

Introducing our 2019 Reflection Blanc de Blancs, a sibling to last summer's Reflection Brut. Sourced from the same vineyard block, which magically reflects in our reservoir, hence the name, this release is 100% Chardonnay and aged with extended time en tirage. So take a moment to "reflect" on life's moments that add sparkle to every day... Cheers!

Technical Data Appellation: Green Valley of Russian River Valley Blend: 100% Chardonnay Alcohol: 13.5% v/v Acidity: 6.3 g/L Residual Sugar: 5.4 g/L pH: 3.14 Malolactic Fermentation: 100% Barrels: 100% Barrel Fermented and aged in 4+ Year Old French Oak Water Bent Barrels

Harvest Dates: August 21 - August 31, 2019 Date Bottled: April 2020 Release Date: Current disgorging, January 2024 Total Production: 400 Cases Suggested Retail Price: \$75.00

**Artisanal Winemaking**: In developing this wine we choose to employ techniques such as barrel fermentation, bâtonnage, and malo-lactic fermentation, normally reserved for still wines and in turn we've gained more depth, and complexity, that in the past would only come with many years of aging on the yeast. Fans of our "LD" (Late Disgorged) wines and particularly our Joy! Sparkling will find this to be a kindred spirit to those aged gems, but hidden in a much more youthful package! The dosage for the 2019 Reflection Blanc de Blancs is 6 mls of Rued Clone Organic LEX.

**Precision Winegrowing:** At Iron Horse "Estate Bottled" means that the winemaking begins in the vineyard. Our location in Green Valley, only a dozen miles from the Pacific Ocean, represents the very best soil, climate and aspects for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Our goal is to grow the finest wine grapes through what we call "precision winegrowing." All pruning, canopy management, irrigation and cover crop decisions are determined on a block-by-block (and sometimes even vine-by-vine) basis, considering both the vintage at hand and the long-term needs of the land.

**For Sparkling and Still Wine, Precision Harvesting is Key:** Our only rule is to make the most delicious wines of the vintage. We wait until harvest to decide sparkling or still, as the only difference is the brix level (or the amount of sugar in the grapes, less for sparklings, more for still). Then winemaker David Munksgard considers berry size (bigger is better for sparklings, smaller for still), the health of the canopy, clone selection. Even small details such as the relative dampness of the cover crop can make a difference. If necessary, parts of the same block may be picked on different days.

**Tasting Notes:** Rich and elegant with a touch of toasted brioche on the front palate, followed by hints of Asian pear and key lime with an undercurrent of browned butter caramel. A long, sizeable finish adds to the experience and brings you back for more.



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