

2020

## BLANC DE NOIR

SAN LUIS OBISPO COAST

69 Cases | Disgorged July 2023  
Suggested Retail: \$60

### VINEYARD

Both vineyards are located within the San Luis Obispo Coast AVA and enjoy cool coastal Mediterranean climate. Stone Corral Vineyard is four miles inland from Pismo Beach in the open Edna Valley on southeast facing slopes. Riven Rock Vineyard is at the northern end of the San Luis Obispo Coast inland six miles from the town of Cambria in the narrow Santa Rosa Creek canyon. Both vineyards are planted almost exclusively to Pinot Noir and enjoy long growing seasons yielding pronounced aromatics, fine tannins and good acidity.

### VINTAGE

In terms of the weather in 2020 we saw low rainfall totals of 15 inches from the winter preceding the growing season. We experienced moderate spring and summer temperatures and projected an average size crop. The sparkling wine was harvested before any heat spikes, but there was a small amount of smoke during the early stage of harvest from the Northern California fires. This sparkling wine doesn't necessarily reflect the vintage as it was picked prior to any heat and on the early side of sugar development to retain good acidity.

### WINEMAKING

This is our second release of sparkling wine. We created this in partnership with Cutruzzola Vineyards. The base wine (*cuvée*) was fermented and aged in stainless steel, did not undergo malo-lactic fermentation and was finished with 4 g/l dosage. This is a crisp, fruit forward sparkling wine.

#### Vineyard:

Stone Corral (50%), Riven Rock (50%)

#### Harvest:

Harvested by hand on August 15th, 2020.

#### Fermentation:

Whole cluster pressed, juice chilled and settled overnight. Base wine (*cuvée*) 100% stainless steel tank fermented and aged.

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#### Aging:

Brut Nature, 4 g/L sugar in dosage.

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
12.5%	3.12	8.8g/L



### TASTING NOTES

Very light and pale in color, tiny bubbles rising in the glass in a fine stream. The nose is bright, fresh and youthful with light floral notes, minerality, rose petal and lemon blossom. It has a elegant balance of crisp acidity and low dosage of sugar, refreshing with fruity Pinot Noir floral flavors.