

Caraccioli

CELLARS



2018

BRUT CUVÉE

HARVEST 8.15 – 9.4.18		BRIX AT HARVEST 19.0	
PH. 2.89	TOTAL ACIDITY 10.8 G/L	ALC. 12%	
TIRAGE APRIL 1 & 2, 2019		DISGOREMENT JANUARY 2024	
RELEASE SPRING 2024		SUR LIES AGING 58 MONTHS	
750 ML CASES 920		1500 ML CASES 61	

VITICULTURAL PRACTICES

Escolle is sustainably certified (SIP) and utilizes minimal intervention practices throughout the vineyard. No herbicides are used on Escolle, as all weeds are removed manually with either a weed knife or by hand. Minimal to no irrigation is utilized unless an extreme vintage takes place. A healthy cover crop is established to minimize any erosion and aids in ideal canopy vigor.

WINEMAKING

As of 2015 our estate Escolle Vineyard Pinot Noir and Chardonnay comprise 100% of Caraccioli Cellars total production. 2018 is the fourth vintage the sparkling cuvée transitioned to completely estate fruit. All grapes are hand harvested into small totes, disallowing any premature crush prior to press and preventing oxidation.

All sparkling lots are processed in four ton press loads, which is optimal when using the Coquard PAI Gravity Press. We utilize extremely light whole cluster pressing and only use the first 120 gallons/ton.

The cuvée begins fermentation in stainless steel tanks utilizing a specific yeast strain chosen specifically for our sparkling project. 20% of the wines finish primary fermentation in neutral French oak barrels, while the remaining 80% undergo similar oak aging once the primary fermentation is complete. The total time on oak is approximately two months. Due to the extremely low pH, the wines never undergo malolactic fermentation.

The cuvée is racked back to tank, cold-stabilized and bottled. The Brut Cuvée is left to age sur lies just shy of 5 years. Riddled and disgorged in house.

