



2018 BLANC DE NOIRS ANDERSON VALLEY ESTATE



WINEMAKER: Stéphane Vivier

VARIETAL: Chardonnay & Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

CASE PRODUCTION: 850 cases (6/750ml)

SOIL TYPE: Pinole & Feliz Loam

BLOCKS: Pinot Noir 8 & Chardonnay 17

CLONES: Pinot Noir Roederer 32

DISCORGEMENT DATE: April 2022

FERMENTATION:

- Base ferment in stainless steel 18 days
- No malolactic fermentation

ELEVAGE:

- 36 months “sur latte” before disgorging
- Dosage of 4 g/l
- 8 months in 66% stainless steel & 34% in neutral French oak

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

“Pale green with a gentle golden hue in appearance. The nose is intense with dominant floral and citrus notes intermixing jasmine, bergamot, lemon curd, fresh fig, and apple tart. The mousse is delicate and persistent, gentle on your palate. The entry shows energy and character with the return of floral notes accented by orchard fruit and Mirabelle plum. This wine shows great focus and precision because of its freshness and has a long floral aftertaste. Minerality, and elegance throughout, it is rewarding now but shows great promise for the next 10-15 years.”

-Stéphane Vivier

VINTAGE NOTES:

2018 will be remembered as a colder and slower season in the Anderson Valley, producing wines with profound elegance and delicacies. Bud break started about a month later than the previous five vintages. A mild spring allowed for a nice crop set and it was followed by a “cold” summer for Northern California. It resulted in slow maturing and perfect conditions for Pinot Noir, retaining freshness while developing an intricate complexity of flavors.

LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated, organic farming system, using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egg-laying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens. All crops are certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.