

2006 BLACK BRUT



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The Black Brut is back with a blast! Fresh and complex with pomegranate, elderberry and black cherry aromas blanketing an unmistakable Dundee Hills minerality. Elegant Tahitian vanilla and crimson fruit effervesces while hints of pink peppercorn, dried rose petal and ginger spices caress the palate. The flavor is surprisingly long lasting and leads to fine contemplation of terroir and mineral structure. Fuji apple, malina and a crispy baguette edge round off with a juicy black currant finish. This ruby-red Brut is a treat on its own, yet the lithe texture makes it a great complement to any hearty meal.

Winemaker's Production Notes

The 2006 vintage was a very comfortable vintage with very little drama. Spring brought plenty of sunshine and heat. This is quite a contrast to 2004 and 2005 poor fruit set vintages. 2006 had the third highest heat units since 1983. Interestingly, 3 of the top 5 highest heat summations of the last 23 growing seasons occurred in this new millennium. Has our transition into the 'New Millennium' led to warmer summers?

Wine Production Stats

Varietals: Pinot Noir
Vineyard: Knudsen Vineyards
AVA: Willamette Valley
Alcohol: 14%
Bottled: January 2009
Cases produced: 500
Release date: April 2009
Winemaker: Rollin Soles

