



## 2006 KNUDSEN VINEYARD BRUT

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The "leap-out-of-your-glass" aromatics of this Brut elicit a sense of exotic high density fruit. Fresh fruit aromas reminiscent of Mirabelle plum and nectarine are reminiscent of a very finely crafted Sljivovica, while maintaining the finesse and prized minerality of this Dundee Hills classic! The longer than average bottle aging of this wine provides soft yeasty-honeysuckle and vanilla aromas.

The flavor is wild and concentrated. Look for a hint of raspberry and plum tart fruitiness within a very creamy mouth-feel. Minerality lends a sense of refinement. Rose petal and red apple fruit finish really makes this one of the most interesting Knudsen Vineyard Bruts yet.

### 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? September brought us a bit of a scare with a week of precipitation accumulation of about 0.6 inches and cool temperatures, but the rain backed off and we saw temperatures in the mid 80's F, with a very desiccating east wind. A most glorious "Indian Summer" ensued throughout the Northwest USA. Wineries and vineyards were able to spread their operation into a smooth steady pace without the usual threat of inclement weather.

### Wine Production Stats

Varietals: 80% Pinot Noir and 20% Chardonnay  
AVA: Dundee Hills  
Alcohol: 13.5%  
Cases produced: 500 cases  
Release Date: June 2010  
Winemaker: Rollin Soles

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**92 points**

Wine Spectator

Dec 15, 2010

*"Light, delicate and refined, displaying creamy notes that weave through the pear and tobacco flavors, lingering easily against modest fizz on the open-textured finish. Drink now. 500 cases made." - Harvey Steiman*

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October 2010

*"The 2006 Brut Knudsen Vineyard is fuller-bodied, mouth-filling, and round. White fruits, minerals, biscuity aromas and flavours lead to a fruit-filled, well-balanced, and lengthy offering that will deliver pleasure over the next 4-5 years." - Jay Miller*

