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Knudsen Vineyard Blanc de Blancs Dundee Hills AVA | 2016



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BOTTLE FERMENTED
DISGORGED SEPT 2020
1235 CASES

TASTING NOTES

Knudsen Vineyard Blanc de Blancs has been sourced from the original, own-rooted Dijon Clone Chardonnay vines planted in Julia Lee's Block since the wine's first bottling in 1995. Planted in 1990 at 850 feet of elevation, this wine displays glazed apricot, ground cardamom, and almond biscotti, refined by layers of delicate precision and volcanic tension. Fermented and aged in our oldest, neutral oak barrels expands its middle palate depth and builds upon its taut, savory length.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 growing season began with a warm, dry winter leading to one of our earliest bud breaks on record. Getting off to this kind of pace and continuing with a warm Spring, bloom came early and under a good amount of heat, leading to a shortened window of flowering and also resulting in an uneven but more average sized set, meaning we wouldn't have to crop thin much later in the season. Summer was warm and consistent, leading into another early start to harvest. Harvest was quick and condensed, starting at Lone Star Vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills on August 25th and finishing not even one month later, in the upper elevations of the Eola-Amity Hills at our Spirit Hill Vineyard on September 21st. This was our second growing season ever to be done picking before the month of October.

ABV 12.5%
WINE MAKER Nate Klostermann
HARVESTED Aug. 31, 2016
COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

DOSAGE 4 g/L
BRIX AT HARVEST 18.0
BARREL AGING 100% Barrel Fermented and Aged
MALOLACTIC 5% Malolactic Fermentation



VINEYARD1 Knudsen Vineyard
LOCATION Dundee Hills
ELEVATION 530-1000 ft.