

ARGYLE

DUNDEE OREGON

2011 EXTENDED TIRAGE KNUDSEN VINEYARD BRUT

TASTING NOTES WITH NATE

Our 2011 Extended Tirage Knudsen Brut is what makes wine so fascinating to drink - the dynamic contrasts. Warm and round, tight and precise due to the dueling grapes. Pinot noir offers a fun savory herbaceous-ness, while Chardonnay a lively Asian pear and rosy floral notes. Together, this cool vintage is evolving into one of the most exciting wines we offer!

APPELLATION

Dundee Hills

COMPOSITION

90% Pinot Noir, 10% Chardonnay

WINEMAKING

Fruit was chilled overnight and gently pressed the next morning. Half of the juice was racked to tank and half to neutral barrels for fermentation and aging with 10% the barrels going through full malolactic conversion.

TIRAGE

Staying true to the traditional method sparkling wine, bottles spend 3 years en tirage and are disgorged on demand.

AGING

6 months, en tirage for 10 years

DOSAGE

1g/L

BOTTLE DATE

April 2012

DISGORGED

January 2023

RELEASE DATE

January 2023

ABV | PH

12.5% | 3.05

CASES

75 – 750mL 6pk/cases

HARVEST DATE

September 22, 2011
– October 1, 2011

SRP

\$115



VINEYARD NOTES

Dundee Hills AVA | 124 acres planted | Founded in 1972
Red Jory Soil | 630' – 1000' elevation

VINTAGE NOTES

2011 was the coolest growing season since 1954, including a greatly truncated Indian summer. The first 15 days of October brought some form of cold and precipitation. October 17-27 saved the day with mostly dry days and one day reached a high of 76. This late in the season, the vines tend to really respond to sun and heat. The wines turned out beautiful, perfumed, and have surprising depth and finish to them. Late season ripening seems to produce wine with leap out of the glass aromatics. This was one of the most challenging vintages ever. We pressed off the last red wine on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving! Imagine an exhausted, motley, yet grateful harvest crew gathered around the smoked turkey on Thursday. This Thanksgiving was truly something to be grateful for.