

ARGYLE

DUNDEE OREGON

2011 EXTENDED TIRAGE KNUDSEN VINEYARD BLANC DE BLANCS

TASTING NOTES WITH NATE

What a thought-provoking wine! This is a vintage to pay attention to both aromatics and texture of the wine; one that may spark conversation as it develops. The silky mouthfeel takes over as the bubbles fade, while the acidity is strong and balances the density. A spicy note is a sleeper that pops through the robust fruit profile and youthfully pulls through each side of your mouth. The level of complexity and sophistication is an beautiful display of the expertise of our winemaking in Extended Tirage sparkling wine.

APPELLATION

Dundee Hills

COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

WINEMAKING

Fruit was chilled overnight and gently pressed the next morning. Juice was racked to neutral barrels for fermentation and aging with 25% 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% | 3.01

CASES

75 – 750mL 6pk/cases

HARVEST DATE

October 28, 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.