

Racines

2018 SANFORD & BENEDICT VINEYARD SPARKLING



Racines is a collaboration by two classic houses from France, led by Etienne de Montille and Brian Sieve of Burgundy and Rodolphe Peters of Champagne. The team came together to join their individual experiences in hand-crafting wines of purity and transparency to create a range of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the cool climate of the Sta. Rita Hills in California.

PRODUCTION

The grapes were manually harvested into small bins and pressed as whole bunches with soft and slow pressing. The wines were aged in bottle for five years on lees, with no fining or filtration.

Dosage: 4.0 g/L (Extra Brut)

Tirage: April 2019

Disgorged: March 2024

VINEYARD/SOIL

From the historic Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, this wine includes grapes from the original 1971 plantings—the oldest vines in the Sta. Rita Hills. Rooted in thin, north-facing soils of shale, clay loam, and fractured sandstone, these old vines have spent over five decades reaching deep into calcareous bedrock. Their slow mineral uptake and long-term balance reflect a mature root system that has fully adapted to the site's geology.

CASES PRODUCED

91

ALCOHOL

12.5%

The color is golden with green highlights, and the stream of bubbles remains discreet. The nose is smoky and floral, with linden, touches of acacia honey, and orchard fruit. The palate is broad, showing yellow citrus fruits and fresh apple, with a slightly brioche character. La finale est fraîche, tendue, salivante.

- Rodolphe Péters