



HILL FAMILY
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2020 Sparkling Brut

Production: 458 cases

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyards: 100% Knittle Vineyard, Napa Carneros

Appellation: Napa-Carneros

Elevation: Rolling hills

Cooperage: Fermented in stainless steel

Alcohol: 12.5%, TA 7.2, pH 2.95, RS 8.8 g/L

Release date: Spring 2022

Release price: \$52.00

The 2020 Brut Rosé is from a small Pinot Noir vineyard with gently sloping gravelly soils in Carneros. The grapes were harvested on August 14 to emphasize the crisp bright flavors so important to sparkling wines. The juice came out at 20 Brix, 3.27 pH, and 9.4 TA. After settling and racking, the juice was inoculated with Prise de Mousse yeast and allowed to ferment dry. It was bottled in November 2020 with its carefully added sugar and yeast amounts to spend the next year gaining creamy yeasty flavors. It was disgorged and packaged on November 18, 2021, after spending a full year on the yeast.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2020 Brut Rosé is light blush in color, with fine delicate bubbles that lead to aromas of wild cherry and strawberry. The palate offers lovely flavors of kiwi, strawberry, and nectarine, with a hint of toasted brioche and a creamy lingering finish.