CARBONISTE
MODERN SPARKLING WINE

A product of much inspiration but not imitation, this brand has been born out of our love of sparkling wine and a desire to reimagine sparkling wine in California. CARBONISTE is dedicated to making sparkling wines that are modern and reflective of grape and place.

Our **2021 La Vida Bella Brut Zero** is a single vineyard wine from a single vintage with no dosage. Three barrels of Pinot noir and 1 barrel of Chardonnay from the eponymous La Vida Bella Vineyard in Corralitos. Typicaly blended into our Corralitos blend, these were standout barrels in a standout year. Upon disgorging, it was clear that dosage did not make this wine better, so we simply topped the wine with itself and finished the bottles with cork and cage. Less than 100 cases made.

Vineyards

We source grapes for this wine exclusively from the Corralitos area of the Santa Cruz Mountains. This is a unique and highly expressive wine growing region due to very sandy soils (decomposed marine sediment) and winds from the Monterey Bay. I have never found Pinot noir that is so expressive at sparkling levels of ripeness. The La Vida Bella Vineyard is slightly higher altitude than our other Corralitos sites, enjoying a little more sunlight once the fog burns off.

Winemaking (Traditional + Modern)

After harvest, grapes were pressed whole cluster and settled for 1-2 days as juice. Clear juice helps to retain the purity and focus of this wine. The juice was fermented in barrel with native yeast at 60-70°F for 3 weeks. The fermentation sediment was kept with the wine in barrel for 12 months without the addition of sulfur dioxide. The wine was bottled with fresh yeast and a small amount of sugar.

After 22 months in bottle, the yeast had consumed the sugar, the sediment was removed, and we added back a small amount of juice and wine. The final closure is a cork and cage.

Harvested 09/06-09/07/2020 19.4-20.3° BX	Bottled 08/17/2022 20 g/L sugar	Disgorged 07/16/2024 0 g/L dosage
pH 3.30	TA 7.3 g/L	4.5 BAR
Produced: 1182 bottles (99 cases)		12.5 % ABV
Origin: Corralitos, Santa Cruz Mountains, CA		75% Pinot, 25% Chard
Winemakers: Dan and Jacqueline Person		Released: 08/03/2024

Champagne is from France. CARBONISTE is California.

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