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 2023 Rouge Brute is the next evolution of a new concept around sparkling red wine. In the US market, sparkling red wine is a non-category. I hope that this wine can make people reconsider spending a little time with it. The wine came about as a lark, combining some young Merlot with our sparkling Albariño at Thanksgiving dinner. It was a hit! This vintage adds old-vine Carignan and Primitivo. The red components deliver underlying sweet red fruits and Albariño keep the wine energetic and light. Fresh fruit and herbs enticingly fill the glass.

Winemaking (Red grapes + Albariño + Yeast = Rouge Brute!)

33% Merlot, 33% Albarino, 24% Carignan, 10% Primitivo

Each variety was fermented separately and blended before bottling. The Albarino is direct-pressed and fermented/aged in stainless steel to keep it clean and bright. The red varieties were fermented whole cluster in tank for 10 days, undegoing submerged-cap carbonic maceration. The submerged cap helps to limit the amount of tannin that we extract from the skins. After pressing, the wines were aged in neutral barrels, allowing them to complete malolactic fermentation and develop a little richness. The wine was bottled with fresh yeast and a small amount of sugar, which yielded lower pressure than our other critters. This low pressure is in compliment to the red wine tannins.

We prefer crown caps as a final closure. They are safe and easy to open, and they are trusted across the world to age wines before disgorging (including Champagne!)

Harvested 8/31 - 10/10/2023 19.3 - 21.6° BX	Bottled 7/11/2024 16 g/L sugar	Disgorged 10/17/2024 7 g/L dosage
pH 3.60	TA 5.8 g/L	3.0 BAR
Produced: 8,254 bottles (688 cases)		12 % ABV
Origin: Isleton, Redwood Valley, and Napa		67% Reds, 33% Albariño
Winemakers: Dan and Jacqueline Person		Released: 11/01/2024

Champagne is from France. CARBONISTE is California.

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