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## 2002 BLANC DE NOIRS

Blanc de Noirs (white from black) is the counterpart of Blanc de Blancs (white from white). Made from the red wine grape Pinot Noir, this is a delicious, fruitful, full-bodied sparkling wine. Schramsberg pioneered the Blanc de Noirs style in the United States, releasing the first such American sparkler in 1967.

Making a white wine from a red grape requires great care: handpicked fruit, early morning harvest, optimal fruit maturity and delicate pressing. A balance of bright flavors, crisp acidity and minimal tannins is achieved. Three years of yeast contact knits all the elements together in a mature, toasty style.

Blanc de Noirs presents layers of roasted almond, caramel, cherry and spice. The wine is especially appealing with salmon, sea bass, lighter meats such as veal, duck and pork tenderloin, caviar, risotto with chanterelles and vegetables, or cheese fondue.

Hugh Johnson wrote in his *Pocket Encyclopedia of Wine*: "Schramsberg, a dedicated specialist, California's best sparkling...Blanc de Noirs outstanding." *The Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine* rated the 2001 vintage **91 points** and said "In a world of bright, candied Blanc de Noirs, this wine follows a different path, and winds up with more subtlety and a brisker stance than many of its peers." *The Wine News* gave it a **91 points** and stated, "sweet pecan aromas with notes of chalk and yeast. Fresh bread dough, pecan, lemon and vanilla flavors."

87% Pinot Noir  
13% Chardonnay

65% Napa Co.  
28% Mendocino Co.  
6% Sonoma Co.  
1% Marin Co.

Alcohol 12.4%  
TA 0.86  
pH 3.03  
Residual Sugar 1.13 %

Bottle Size 750ml

Retail Price \$32.50

Production  
7,154 cases

### Notes:

*"The 2002 Blanc de Noirs bursts with a lively bright mixture of peach, strawberry, and candied orange aromas. Honeyed and caramelized characters have gently developed over the course of bottle-aging in our mountain caves. Combining the best qualities of youth and age, the palate shows off vibrant stone fruit flavors with a silky mix of vanilla crème. The quenching finish is extended with full zesty acidity."*

Winemakers Hugh Davies and Craig Roemer