



2008 BLANC DE BLANCS

Blanc de Blancs (*white from white*) made from Chardonnay is the counterpart to the Blanc de Noirs (*white from black*), made from Pinot Noir. Blanc de Blancs was the first wine Schramsberg produced in 1965 and was America's first commercially produced Chardonnay-based brut sparkling wine. Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs gained international recognition in 1972 when then President Nixon served the wine at the historic "Toast to Peace" in Beijing, China.

The Schramsberg style of Blanc de Blancs is dry and crisp. Small lots of malolactic- and barrel-fermented wines are added for complexity. The wine is aged on the yeast lees in the bottle for over two years prior to disgorgement. With its vibrant, fruitful and crisp nature, this sparkling wine will maintain its freshness, structure and refined finish for many years, even decades following its initial release.

While this wine can be enjoyed by itself as an apéritif, it is also perfect with fresh oysters and other shellfish, crab cakes, ceviche and grilled sea bass. It is also delicious with lemon chicken and Thai curries. Serve with aged Gouda or other hard cheeses, and as a counterpoint to soft triple creams.

Tasting Notes

"Fruitful aromas of fresh lime and Granny Smith apple, accentuated by nuances of juicy pineapple and lemon grass, are complimented by notes of honeycomb and hazelnut from the years of aging en tirage. On the palate, the 2008 Blanc de Blancs enters crisp and tangy, unfolding with flavors of lime, pineapple and exotic tropical fruits. Delicious and layered flavors of lemon custard and fresh-from-the-oven brioche follows. The palate finishes with a delicate sweetness and a generous acidity that is long and quenching."

– Winemakers Keith Hock and Hugh Davies



Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
County Composition:	66% Napa, 31% Sonoma, 2% Marin, 1% Mendocino
Appellation:	North Coast
Harvest Dates:	August 14 - October 13, 2008
Barrel Fermentation:	22%
Alcohol:	12.7%
TA:	0.93g/100mL
pH:	3.08
RS:	1.15 g/100mL
Release Date:	June 15, 2011
Cases Produced:	20,500 (9-Liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$36 (750ml)
Available Formats:	375mL, 750mL, 1.5L, 3L, 9L

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