



Blend	73% Pinot Noir 27% Chardonnay
Source	Mendocino Co. 55% Napa Co. 35% Monterey Co. 7% Sonoma Co. 2% Marin Co. 1%
Alcohol	12.9%
TA	0.99g/100ml
pH	2.96
Residual Sugar	1.25%
Bottle Size	750ml/1.5L
Retail Price	\$90.00/\$180.00
Production	1,538 Six pack cases

1999 RESERVE

The Schramsberg Reserve is our top Pinot Noir-based sparkling wine. Representing 2% of our annual production, this richly-flavored and full-bodied sparkler is made from only the finest base wine lots each year. Six years old upon release, this fruitful, creamy bubbly will age gracefully for ten or more years to come.

The Reserve is a Blanc de Noirs, a white wine gently crafted from red grapes. Hand picking, early harvesting, and light pressing are critical. Small amounts of select Chardonnay are included in the blend to lend some additional backbone and length to the palate.

Extensive tasting is conducted over the winter months, with over 140 base wines representing 80 vineyards in five counties being taken into consideration. For the Reserve blend, 40% of the base wines are barrel fermented and aged on the *lees* for six months.

Following fermentation, each bottle is aged in contact with its own yeast in our mountainside caves for a minimum of five years. The finishing dosage is the result of a comprehensive review of base wine options, many of which are barrel-aged for five-plus years.

The Reserve is well suited for service with main courses, especially such choices as veal tenderloin and roast duck, or with full-flavored fish such as sea bass. This delicious bubbly also pleases as an aperitif. Try it with smoked oysters, caviar or crab cakes.

The 1999 Reserve has received **91 points** from *Connoisseur's Guide To California Wines* and **90 Points and Cellar Selection** from the *Wine Enthusiast*.

TASTING NOTES

“Our 1999 Reserve combines fresh cranberry and zesty citrus in a bright aroma profile. Hints of roasted nuts and baked pastry dough compliment the fruitful core. Anderson Valley Pinot Noir plays the starring role. Chardonnay lifts the zesty aromas and adds length and brightness to the palate. From its juicy nectarine and red delicious apple entry on the palate to its sweet and sour, tangy finish, this flavorful sparkling wine is smooth and complete.”

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