



2016 GREEN VALLEY BLANC DE BLANCS

The 2016 Green Valley Blanc de Blancs showcases our very best Chardonnay vineyards from this specific region within the broader Russian River Valley AVA. This sparkling brut is a blend crafted from five sites; Hawk Hill, Hill Vineyard, Mill Station Vineyard, Bush Vineyard and Keefer Ranch. This vibrant and complex wine combines a rich texture with excellent drive on the palate. The 2016 Green Valley Blanc de Blancs is a bright, crisp sparkler that will age beautifully over the next 20+ years, developing attractive caramelized, nutty and toasted flavors and aromas. Made in limited quantities, our winemaking team is very excited to release this sparkling wine.

The Green Valley of the Russian River roughly outlines the watershed of the Green Valley Creek and is south of the Russian River. It is bounded by Gravenstein Hwy to the east, Hwy 12 to the south and the Russian River on the north. The cool climate of this pocket of West Sonoma County, is the first place in the region the fog comes in and the last place where it burns off. The predominate soil type is Goldridge, a fine sandy loam soil. Wines from this valley are fresh, clean, crisp, and beautifully integrated.

Hand picking, careful handling and gentle pressing produce a wine of delicacy, aromatic purity, and depth. Following the fall harvest and fermentation of the base wines, extensive tasting trials are carried out in the spring to create a polished blend reflective of the vintage. The finished blend undergoes a second fermentation in bottle before aging on its yeast lees for about four years, just enough to achieve refined effervescence and toastiness without diminishing its refreshing, vibrant appeal.

The 2016 vintage was a near-perfect growing season with ideal weather conditions throughout. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August, and then a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness for the light yields that were present.



Tasting Notes

“The 2016 Green Valley Blanc de Blancs exhibits aromas of green apple, mango, white peach, pineapple and lemon cookie, followed with hints of vanilla custard, brioche, snickerdoodle and toasted hazelnut. The palate opens with a nice concentration, and expresses layers of grapefruit, candied ginger, and zesty citrus. The entry leads to a juicy midpalate of orange blossom, lime candy, and finishes with great length.”

– Winemakers: Sean Thompson, Jessica Koga, Hugh Davies

Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Appellation:	Green Valley of Russian River Valley
Primary Vineyards:	Hawk Hill, Hill Vineyard, Mill Station Vineyard, Bush Vineyard, Keefer Ranch
Harvest Dates:	August 16 - September 23, 2016
Barrel Fermentation:	27%
Alcohol:	13.0%
TA:	0.93 g/100 mL
pH:	3.10
RS:	0.80 g/100 mL
Release Date:	October 1, 2021
Cases Produced:	1,093 (9-Liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$95
Available Formats:	750 mL