

FRANK FAMILY VINEYARDS

2019 BRUT ROSÉ

TASTING NOTES

Beautifully sunset-hued, this Pinot Noir-based sparkler exudes elegance as well as richness. Hints of framboise and rose petals are married with brioche on the nose, meeting a lovely depth of fruit on the lush palate, while fresh strawberries and cream laced with delicate pearl bubbles flow seamlessly through to the finish.

WINEMAKER NOTES

In creating our Sparkling Brut Rosé, we blended a Pinot Noir base with Chardonnay. The Pinot Noir enhances the color, body, and flavor of our Sparkling Rosé while the Chardonnay adds structure and white fruit and fresh floral notes. In the cellar, the traditional *methodé champenoise* is used to create the tiny bubbles in the bottle. This wine was then rested on the spent yeast cells for nearly four years before disgorgement in February 2020.

SOURCING

Consistently producing our best fruit year after year is Lewis Vineyard, the last vineyard before the bay off the backcountry roads of Carneros. This cool-climate site has been a part of our family since 2000 and has become the cornerstone of Frank Family's Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and sparkling wine programs. What makes Lewis Vineyard so special is its proximity to San Pablo Bay. The bay acts as a giant funnel for the cool ocean air and fog that surge through Carneros as they are pulled up into the warmer Napa and Sonoma Valleys. The effect on the vineyard is profound. The grapes, while getting plenty of sun, rarely get too much warmth. Because of the constant caress of cool air, the risk of flavors being baked out of the grapes is virtually nonexistent. As a result, the wines have gorgeous balance.



VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

90% Pinot Noir
10% Chardonnay

HARVEST DATES:

August 28, 2019

BOTTLED:

April 2020

ACID:

0.88 g/100 ml

pH:

3.12

ALCOHOL:

12%