

2017 Mousseux

RRP - \$39

6 Btl - \$37

Case Price - \$33

This popular dry sparkling wine is made from 100% Chenin Blanc and produced in the traditional method. A wine that is very reflective of the Loire Valley. Leading up to harvest the canopy of our 19-year-old cane-pruned Chenin Blanc vines was deliberately left untouched to ensure the fruit was shaded, which helps the grapes to retain their natural acidity. After three months of lees contact the dry base wine was bottled and inoculated for its secondary fermentation, which took place in each individual bottle over the course of two years. The residual sugar after dosage is as little as only 3 grams per litre, so it is predominantly fresh green apple aromas and zesty citrus notes that carry this elegant sparkling wine with its beautifully delicate fine bead and its smooth creamy texture through to a refreshing clean finish.

2017 Vintage

The winter was a long one in 2016, so bud burst and flowering occurred much later than we've seen in recent years. The weather pattern over this period was very favourable, however, and so we saw very even and consistent flowering across the board. Fruit set was excellent as well, which meant we were looking at a healthy crop across all varieties by the end of spring. In anticipation of a cool vintage Chris decided early on to do lots of additional work in the vineyard, which really paid off when the summer months that followed proved to be unusually cool and saw above average levels of rainfall. Throughout spring he had thinned out the crowns in order to open up the canopies and promote airflow, fruit was dropped to manage yields, and the red varieties were all heavily leaf plucked around the bunches to give the fruit ample sun light exposure in order to ensure full phenolic ripeness was achieved even in this cool vintage.

There's no denying it was a long and arduous vintage this year, it was actually the longest on record for us. But the results more than justify the effort, and the fact that our hand pickers commented on our fruit being the cleanest they had picked this season is testament to the effectiveness of Chris' hands-on approach to managing our little vineyard.