

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

DUPPY CONQUEROR 2020 BLANC DE NOIRS, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Sparkling wine originated some 500 years ago when an unintended secondary fermentation came about in wine made by Benedictine monks. Resulting effervescent pressure caused some bottles to pop their corks and others to explode, earning it the moniker *the devil's wine*. As the process was understood, embraced, and refined, it gave us Champagne proper along with the broader category of sparkling wines, which many of us consider divine. Dom Pérignon, who was instrumental in evolving Champagne's production and standards, famously quipped, *Come quickly, I am tasting the stars!* We're excited for you to do the same, *la vie en rose* style once again.

Technical

Composition: 75% Pinot Meunier
25% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Process: Méthode traditionnelle

ABV: 12.7%

pH: 3.08

Production: 220 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Release date: September 2024

Sensory

Eye: Pale, shimmering lemon quartz.

Nose: Delicate Asian pear, wildflower honeycomb, lightly toasted brioche. Floral notes of gardenia, cherry blossom, and tuberose give way to effervescent hints of Meyer lemon, dried apricot, and candied ginger. A touch of crème anglaise is complemented by a subtle flinty and nutty nuance that enhances aromatic complexity.

Palate: Weightless, elevated, and elegantly poised, featuring fine, delicate bubbles and a bright, lively mouthfeel. Vibrant acidity enlivens the palate, culminating in a delightful lingering, refreshing finish.

Pairing with: Amuse-bouche, holiday hors d'oeuvres, oysters on the halfshell, caviar and crème fraîche on potato chips, or whatever your heart desires!

Cellar life: Drink now through 2030.