



## 2010 Blanc de Blancs

The “Blanc de Blancs,” or “white from white,” made from Chardonnay is the counterpart to the “Blanc de Noirs,” or “white from black,” made from Pinot Noir. Blanc de Blancs was the first wine Schramsberg produced in 1965 and was America’s first commercially produced Chardonnay-based brut sparkling wine. Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs gained international recognition in 1972 when then President Nixon served the wine at the historic “Toast to Peace” in Beijing, China.

The Schramsberg style of Blanc de Blancs is dry and crisp. Small lots of malolactic- and barrel-fermented wines are added for complexity. The wine is aged on the yeast lees in the bottle for two years prior to disgorgement. With its vibrant, fruitful and crisp nature, this sparkling wine will maintain its freshness, structure and refined finish for many years, even decades following its initial release.

While this wine can be enjoyed by itself as an apéritif, it is also perfect with oysters and other shellfish, crab cakes, ceviche and grilled sea bass. It is also delicious with lemon chicken and Thai curries. Serve with aged Gouda or other hard cheeses, and as a counterpoint to soft triple creams.

### Tasting Notes

The 2010 Blanc de Blancs opens with fresh aromas of green apple, juicy pineapple and ripe grapefruit. The fruitful nose is complemented by developed nuances of fresh-baked brioche and lemon tart. Bright flavors of grapefruit, lime and pineapple are accented by a slight minerality on the finish. The palate is crisp on entry, with a long, tangy and refreshing acidity. – *Winemakers Keith Hock and Hugh Davies*

<b>Appellation:</b>	North Coast
<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>County Composition:</b>	60% Napa, 37% Sonoma, 2% Marin, 1% Mendocino
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	August 31-November 3
<b>Barrel Fermentation:</b>	23%
<b>Alcohol:</b>	12.5%
<b>TA:</b>	0.92g/100ml
<b>pH:</b>	3.10
<b>RS:</b>	1.2g/100ml
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	25,331 (12/750ml)
<b>Available Formats:</b>	750ml, 1.5L, 3L, 9L

