



HUGH DAVIES
Vintner



2017 BLANC DE NOIRS BRUT NORTH COAST, CALIFORNIA

ABOUT THE WINERY

In 1965, Jack and Jamie Davies founded Schramsberg and set out to make world-class sparkling wine in the true méthode traditionnelle style on the property originally established in 1862 by German immigrant Jacob Schram. Theirs was the first California winery to provide a Blanc de Blancs in 1965 followed by a Blanc de Noirs in 1967. Quality focus drives all aspects of wine production starting with access to over 120 cool-climate sites in Napa, Marin, Mendocino and Sonoma. Now their son, Hugh Davies, leads the winery's management and winemaking team.

ABOUT THE WINE

Blanc de Noirs (*white from black*) is the counterpart to Blanc de Blancs (*white from white*). Made primarily from the red grape Pinot Noir, this is a complex, medium-bodied, brut sparkling wine. The wine is aged on the yeast lees in the bottle for two to three years prior to disgorgement.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Schramsberg was the first winery to produce a Blanc de Noirs style in the US in 1967
- Blanc de Noirs means white from black or white wine from red grapes, in this case Pinot Noir
- Vineyards are sustainably farmed and winery is certified Napa Green
- Schramsberg's Blanc de Noirs was a favorite of the fictional characters on Big Bang Theory, appearing on the show multiple times to celebrate big events

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Appellation: North Coast

County Composition: 53% Sonoma, 20% Mendocino, 18% Napa, 9% Marin

Varietal Composition: 83% Pinot Noir, 17% Chardonnay

Barrel Fermentation: 30%

Alcohol: 12.8% | **RS (Dosage):** 9.0 g/L | **TA:** 8.2 g/L



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"A tempting, toasty, doughy aroma leads to a rich blend of fruity and savory flavors, all backed by lively acidity and a long-lasting stream of fine bubbles."

– Jim Gordon, October 2021

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