

## 2016 BRUT ROSÉ

Schramsberg Brut Rosé is fruitful, complex and dry, making it both versatile with food and delicious by itself as an apéritif. The character of the wine is most strongly influenced by bright, flavorful Pinot Noir grown in Carneros, Anderson Valley, and the Sonoma and Marin coastal areas. A few small lots of Pinot Noir are fermented in contact with their skins to add depth and subtle color to this vibrant sparkling wine. Chardonnay gives spice, structure and length on the palate.

Hand picking, careful handling and gentle pressing produce a wine of delicacy, free of skin and seed tannin. Following the fall harvest and base winemaking period, an extensive process of blending trial and refinement is carried out in the spring. The finished blend is aged on the yeast in the bottle for about two years, just enough to achieve refined effervescence and toastiness without diminishing its refreshing, vibrant appeal.

Enjoy this rich, delicious sparkler on almost any occasion: at your favorite restaurant, a special dinner at home, at a beach picnic or a backyard barbecue. A very versatile wine; try it with sushi, salmon, rock shrimp, pizza, roast chicken, BBQ ribs, burgers, chocolate raspberry tarts and creamy cheeses with summer fruits.

## Tasting Notes

"The 2016 Brut Rosé has generous aromas of strawberry and orange zest. Its fruitful nose is complemented by notes of cinnamon, vanilla and watermelon. On the palate, there are juicy flavors of ruby grapefruit, stone fruit and raspberry compote, with soft touches of toasted hazelnut and shortbread cookie. The fruitful finish is fresh, with a bright clean acidity."

-Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies

Varietal Composition: 64% Pinot Noir, 36% Chardonnay

County Composition: 44% Sonoma, 30% Napa, 20% Mendocino, 6% Marin

**Appellation:** North Coast

Harvest Dates: August 4 – September 10, 2016

Barrel Fermentation: 24%
Alcohol: 12.6%
TA: 8.3 g/L

pH: 3.17

**RS:** 9.2 g/L

Release Date: December 1, 2018
Cases Produced: 15,150 (9-Liter)

Available Formats: 750 mL

