# 2017

## BLANC DE BLANCS

\$68 MSRP

McMinnville AVA



#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This bright and celebratory sparkling wine is a Méthode Champenoise Blanc de Blancs from old-vine Chardonnay planted at the historic Hyland Vineyard. This wine displays notes of yuzu, brioche bread dough, and toasted hazelnut. The bubbles are consistent and fully integrated from the long aging in bottle. A touch of neutral oak barrel aging builds a complex and layered structure with a subtle creaminess and fine minerality on the finish of this wine. Enjoy this wine while you celebrate with family and friends!

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

Harvest date: 9/27/2017 AVA: McMinnville

Disgorge Date: 9/21/22 Dosage: 8 g/L

Brix: 18.5° Blend: 100% Chardonnay pH: 3.32 Aging: 5 Years on Lees

Älcohol: 12.0% New Oak: 5%

Production: 200 Cases

#### THE VINTAGE

The past three vintages in the Willamette Valley have been the hottest on record, with powerful fruit flavors from higher sugar accumulation in the berries. In 2017 however we had sufficient rain in the winter, a healthy snowpack, then a cool and wet spring that set the stage for a lengthy growing season. Bud-break occured closer to the historic average of mid-April. Flowering came quickly after a warm spell, but June brought a few weeks of cooler temperatures.

We saw a healthy fruit set, with more and larger clusters per vine than usual. Véraison arrived quickly as August was the hottest on record in the state. With some careful vineyard management, we made the most of the heat to ensure acid levels would be balanced by flavor and tannins. Cooler temperatures, lower sugars, structured tannins and mouthwatering acidity all add up to one thing: classic Willamette Valley wines.

### THE SOLÉNA STORY

Soléna is a combination of Spanish and French words Solana and Soleil, celebrating the sun, the moon and cycles of life. We were launched in May of 2000 when our owners purchased our 80-acre estate which became the Domaine Danielle Laurent vineyard. Furthering their successful careers in the Oregon wine industry, Laurent Montalieu and Danielle Andrus Montalieu gifted this vineyard to each other for their wedding, and began making wine under the label named Soléna after their daughter.

Soléna Estate showcases the beauty of terroir in our site-specific wines. We craft delicious wine from our own estate vineyards in Yamhill-Carlton and McMinnville AVAs, as well as iconic single-vineyards around the Northwest. We're well known for consistent, ageable Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Cabernet Sauvignon. However, our entrepreneurial spirit means we keep expanding our offerings. Visit our picturesque vineyard and tasting room in Yamhill, Oregon and raise a glass to celebrate friends, family, and life!