



Bluebird Cuvée Sparkling Wine

2018

Our story began in 1971 when our parents, Susan Sokol and Bill Blosser, first planted vines in Oregon's Dundee Hills. As second generation winegrowers, we are passionately committed to our family's legacy of creating world-class wines, through sustainable methods, which express our distinctive hillside vineyards.

—Alex & Alison Sokol Blosser

VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

The spring of 2018 was warmer than the average over the previous 10 years, and fairly dry. Bud break happened in mid-April and Bloom in early June, which can be a treacherous undertaking as the spring weather can mess up a healthy flowering. A giant hail storm descended on the Dundee Hills in early June, but luckily none of our Sokol Blosser Estate crop was ruined. The summer started like one giant furnace; July was a hot month and we had a lot of above 90 degree days. Just when it seemed like the hot weather would not stop, August came and more moderate weather with it. This helped slow the ripening down, and even cooler weather in September allowed us to let the grapes hang longer, resulting in riper fruit without additional sugar accumulation. The 2018 vintage is our coolest growing season since 2012 and we believe it will be our best vintage since then as well.

WINEMAKING

After 50 years in the Oregon wine industry, Sokol Blosser Winery has established a vibrant sparkling wine program. This program follows the Méthode Traditionelle process to make a truly special representation of the many varietals we have been working with for multiple decades. The great sparkling wines of the world are blends - or as the French would say, "Assemblage" - of multiple grape varietals, and differing styles of fermentation and levels of malolactic fermentation.

Grapes were harvested earlier than we would harvest for a still wine in order to capture naturally high acidity and reduced phenolics. The juice for this wine was fermented 100% in stainless steel to retain freshness and bright fruit characteristics.

WINE PROFILE

The Bluebird Cuvée Sparkling is designated as a Brut level of sweetness. Expressing aromatics of lychee and baguette. There are notes of spiced apple cider on the nose and on the palate, and the finish is crisp pear with bright acidity and fine bubbles.

PAIRINGS

Serve with Foie Gras ganache spread on toasted crostini, and garnish with pickled shallots and chrysanthemums.

THE STORY

The label showcases Sokol Blosser's long-time support of the Prescott Western Bluebird Recovery Project, with a pen-and-ink style image of a Western Bluebird. For more than 20 years, Sokol Blosser has offered needed shelter and support to preserve a breeding habitat for Western Bluebirds, with 15 bird houses on its organically-farmed property.



APPELLATION

Oregon 55%, Washington 45%

BLEND COMPOSITION

A proprietary assemblage of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Early Muscat, Muller-Thurgau, Riesling

BOTTLED

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12 months

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

12%

DOSAGE

8 g/L (Brut)

PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

~3 Years

PRODUCTION

1,000 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$32

