



Bluebird Cuvée Brut Sparkling Wine

2019

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

It was clear something was different with the 2019 harvest when fruit flies were spotted at Thistle Vineyard over Labor Day Weekend. The second sign was the dramatic shift in the weather forecast. At the end of August, we believed we would have a “warmer and drier” than average September/October. Sounds good huh?!?! Then, at the end of September we got 2.7” of rain... which is double the average, and we had one of the coolest Septembers on record. We remembered and applied the key learnings from prior similar vintages in our approach to the 2019 harvest – get the grapes as ripe as possible with as little fruit degradation as possible. Even with a longer hang time this year the grapes had less sugar, high pHs and high acids. Consequently, we based our picking decision more on the taste of the juice and looking at the weather. We had 5 distinct rain events from when we started harvest on September 3 to when we ended picking on October 10th, and these individual rain events sometimes lasted multiple days. In the end, we got as much ripeness as possible and are very happy about what we put into barrel.

WINEMAKING

Our Bluebird Cuvée Brut Sparkling is a vibrant example of a wine made in the traditional method. It is kept in tirage for a relatively short amount of time, only 16 months, the shorter tirage time is essential for the style of sparkling we are aiming to produce. We are looking to create a sparkling wine with bright acidity and citrus zest characters along with other intense floral and tropical fruit characteristics. These are captured early in the winemaking process, and with the addition of the shorter tirage time, we are able to gently build the mouth feel by the secondary fermentation that occurs in the bottle. We balance the bright acidity of sparkling with a mid brut level dosage of 8g/L.

WINE PROFILE

The Bluebird Cuvée Brut Sparkling is designated as a Brut level of sweetness. The nose of this wine is expressive with fresh lemon, under-ripe pear and minerality, complemented by white flowers. On the palate this wine is bright and crisp, as the lemon and pear shine through.

PAIRINGS

I recommend pairing this wine with fresh oysters, fried chicken, or even crispy potatoes.

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

100% Willamette Valley

BLEND COMPOSITION

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

BOTTLED

En tirage 16 months
Disgorged June 2021

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

11%

DOSAGE

8 g/L (Brut)

PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

~5 Years

PRODUCTION

2,390 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$32