

Bluebird Cuvée Brut Sparkling Willamette Valley, Oregon 2022

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, & Nik Sokol Blosser
Siblings and Second Generation Winegrowers



VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

What started as a dry winter turned into a deluge of rain in the springtime. We had the wettest and coldest April/May/June in recorded (130 years) history. Freezing temperatures on the morning of April 14th and 15th knocked back the fragile new growth, in fact, until crop estimates were done in late August, we thought our crop yields would be down by 50-60%. In over 51 years of growing grapes here in the Dundee Hills we have never seen a freezing event during the growing season, so we had no idea what was going to happen. The primary buds froze and died, but the secondary buds came on, produced fewer but larger clusters, and the vines made a miraculous comeback. The coldest and wettest spring turned into the 2nd warmest and driest summer on record, and then we got to October. Fortunately we got the warmest October in Oregon history, we were able to let the grapes hang, and the rains stayed put until all our Estate fruit was in on Thursday, October 27th. We are thrilled with the wine produced from this vintage!

WINEMAKING

Fruit was harvested Sept 22 - Oct 2

Fermentation in stainless steel tanks with commercial, sparkling focused yeast

Champagne method secondary fermentation

AGING

12 months en tirage starting April 2023

DOSAGE 5G/L

<u>APPELLATION</u>

Willamette Valley, Oregon

VARIETALS

39% Pinot Noir, 21% Müller-Thurgau, 20% Chardonnay, 16% Riesling, 4% Muscat

PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN ~5 years

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME 12%

PRODUCTION 3.900 cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$36

<u>INGREDIENTS</u>

Grapes, yeast, sugar, potassium polyaspartate, SO₂

5-50Z SERVINGS PER CONT.

Calories: 109 Carbohydrates: 1.5g Fat: 0g

Protein: 0g

UPC

88473-71218

WINE PROFILE

On the nose, our 2022 Bluebird Cuvée has bright notes of perfumed citrus fruit, with candied lemon peel and orange. The palate is framed by crisp Granny Smith apples and Bosc pears.

SCORES

2021 vintage - 90 points James Suckling, 90 points Jeb Dunnock

THE STORY

The label showcases Sokol Blosser's long-time support of the Prescott Western Bluebird Recovery Project, with an 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 our organically-farmed property.





