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PIPER SONOMA



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Piper Sonoma was founded in 1980 by the Marquis d'Aulan family, direct descendants of the Piper family. Recognizing Sonoma as a great growing region for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, and believing in its terroir, the family's vision was to produce world-class sparkling wines in the New World, using old-world winemaking techniques. Nearly forty years later, the Piper Sonoma winemaking team continues to realize that vision and hand crafts premium sparkling wines under the guidance of long-time winemaker Keith Hock.

IN THE VINEYARDS

With nearly forty years of experience in Sonoma County, the winemaking team source from more than 20 growers, some of whom, like the Greene, Young and Ledbetter families, have been supplying grapes for more than three decades. Many growers have adopted voluntary no-till farming practices, with a strict adherence to hillside ordinances. Sustainable agriculture and integrated pest management techniques have been integrated and organic or naturally derived fertilizers are utilized, while composted grape material is used as fertilizer to increase water efficiency and help build soil structure.

IN THE CELLAR

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Blanc fruit is hand picked and brought directly to the winery. Each parcel is pressed and fermented separately, creating an extensive selection of base wines to choose from. Winemaker Keith Hock then tastes each component and selects those base wines that show potential to produce exceptional wine. The cuvée is placed en tirage for 19 months for secondary fermentation in the bottle prior to disgorgement. Finally, a small percentage of older reserve wine is included in the liqueur d'expedition adding further complexity and texture.

HOUSE STYLE

The Piper Sonoma house style is focused on precision and attention to detail. Each wine displays a balance between fruit expression, complexity and texture, to create wines that are immediately approachable and can further develop with bottle aging.

TASTING NOTES

Brilliant in color, the wine is bright and fresh with bright citrus fruits, apple and orange blossom. On the palate the wine is full flavored with flavors of green apple, mandarin orange and brioche.

APPELLATION

Sonoma County

BLEND

**56% Chardonnay, 37% Pinot Noir
7% Pinot Blanc, 6% Aged Reserve Blend**

TECH SPECS

ABV 12.5%, RS 7.0g/L