

Brittan Vineyards

2019 BRUT SPARKLING WINE

A lifelong fan of Champagne, Ellen Brittan has spent considerable time and effort cajoling and convincing her husband, Winemaker Robert Brittan, to produce their own sparkling wine. After 47 years of winemaking, Robert finally agreed to the challenge and produced the first Brittan Vineyards Brut Sparkling Wine from the 2016 vintage, a project that continues to this day.

VINEYARD NOTES

Our 2019 Brut Sparkling Wine is sourced from three unique vineyards, each representing a separate nested AVA within the Willamette Valley. A field blend of McMinnville Chardonnay from our estate vineyard is blended with Dijon Selection 76 Chardonnay from Carabella Vineyard in the Chehalem Mountains and Pommard Selection Pinot noir from Crawford Beck Vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills. Crawford Beck and Carabella have provided the backbone of our sparkling wine program since the inaugural 2016 vintage.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was the coolest since 2015: warm during the main part of the growing season but cooling significantly towards harvest. We achieved ripe flavors and fruit maturity without the concentrated sugars and higher alcohols associated with late season heat events. These cooler, longer maturing vintages often give us more finesse in flavor and structure and more complexity in aromatics.

TASTING NOTES

A true delight, our 2019 Brut opens with aromas of Meyer lemon, Asian pear, honeysuckle and hints of brioche. On the palate, notes of lemon curd make an appearance alongside Meyer lemon, balanced with minerality and a light salinity. The finish is long with a good deal of richness. Drink now through 2024.

AVA: Willamette Valley

VINEYARDS: Crawford Beck, Carabella, Brittan Estate

VARIETIES: 50% Chardonnay, 50% Pinot noir

CASES PRODUCED: 42 cases and 30 magnums

DOSAGE: 5.25 g/L

TIRAGE: 25 months

DISGORGED: May 12, 2022

ALCOHOL: 12.8%

SRP: \$75/ 750 mL, \$160/ 1500 mL

