



# 2015 Royal Cuvée

MORE THAN A WINE, IT'S A FEELING

## COMPOSITION:

67% Pinot Noir  
33% Chardonnay

## AGING:

6 years on the yeast

## APPELATION:

Carneros

## ALCOHOL:

12.5%

## TA:

7.5 g/L

## PH:

3.13

## DOSAGE:

11.7 g/L



## TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of light citrus and apple in the background lead into an explosion of fresh green apple, crisp pear, and subtle lemon zest flavors on the palate. The wine has fine, delicate bubbles with a full mouthfeel. The perfect blend of creamy Chardonnay and rich Pinot Noir culminates in a lovely, lingering finish



## VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2015 growing season will be remembered as one of the coolest growing seasons on record in Northern California. This cool weather during bloom caused the vines to set a light crop and slowed the ripening of the grapes. This resulted in a harvest delayed by several weeks without a drop in acid. The combination of a light crop and extra time on the vines produced fruit with exceptional concentration and character.

## WINEMAKING PROCESS:

Grapes are handpicked & transported to the winery in small bins where they are gently whole-cluster pressed to retain the delicate vibrancy and freshness. Only the first press, with the most delicate flavors & aromas, is used for this wine that is fermented in stainless steel tanks at 55-60°F. The wine is then bottled & aged on the lees for six years to develop complexity and effervescence.

## FOOD PAIRINGS:

The expressive mixture of fresh apple and citrus on the nose, with a touch of lemon zest on the finish is the perfect accompaniment for seafood. Oysters on the half shell with a ginger mignonette or classic New England lobster roll on toasted brioche are foolproof pairings for this reputable brut. The clean, crisp acidity pairs well with young ripe triple cream cheeses as well as robust blue cheese with honey

Our Royal Cuvée is a testament to our dedication and expertise. Since we served the first vintage to the King and Queen of Spain in 1987, we have continued to passionately perfect this iconic wine. An impeccable balance of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, our Royal Cuvée preserves its vibrant fruit flavors while developing complexity during its 5 years of extended aging. This process creates an intricate tapestry of flavors, unveiling layers of captivating complexity that truly defines the wine's regal character.