

PARADISE SPRINGS WINERY

APRÉS ROSÉ

Méthode Champenoise

2021



TECHNICAL DATA

pH: 3.21

Acid: 8.8 g/l

Alcohol: 12.5%

GRAPE SOURCES

95% Chardonnay sourced entirely from Silver Creek Vineyards and 5% Merlot sourced entirely from Williams Gap Vineyard

HARVEST DATES

August 24 and October 6, 2021

WINEMAKING DATA

Grapes were picked in the cool dawn hours, and refrigerated on site at 40° F overnight, then hand sorted and whole-cluster pressed into a stainless steel tank. The base wine was left in the tank until May the following year, when it was mixed with the "liquor" (sugar and yeast mix) for its second in-bottle fermentation and bottled with crown caps on June 24, 2022. The wine aged sur-lee for 14 months and then began its robotic riddling periodically over the next few weeks until it was disgorged on August 21, 2023. Dosage was added to finish to a Brut style.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Aprés Rosé sparkling is a vibrant and fresh style of sparkling showcased by the wild strawberry notes on the nose accompanied by a hint of citrus. On the palate those red fruits of strawberry and grapefruit come through first, leading to a rounded mid-palate that finishes off with mouth-watering acidity. This brut style sparkling wine is a very versatile wine with a variety of foods from soft cheeses to spicy BBQ.

VINTAGE NOTES

It was a slow start to the growing season after a very mild winter. That helped prevent a major frost event mainly around the Charlottesville area so we were able to avoid issues at our sites. Towards the end of winter an unsettling weather pattern of warm and cool spells was trending. As the season moved to the warmer months our vineyards remained relatively dry, which stalled veraison and elongated maturity of the clusters. It remained dry through the early ripening of sparkling grapes, but occasional rainfalls and high humidity left us battling some mildew breakouts and slowed ripening at most vineyards for the rest of harvest. The other pest that was battled was the 17-year brood of cicada which likes to feed on and girdle some of the grapevine shoots. Thankfully this pest comes and goes quickly. Overall, a good vintage comparatively for Virginia probably more in the craft of the old-world style as opposed to the 201 vintage leaning newer world in style.