

# 2017 HERITAGE 91 Sparkling blanc de blancs

"I see wine as part of my journey. I am fascinated by it. With McCollum Heritage 91, I want to share my learnings and my love for wine, taking fans and wine lovers alike with me along the way." - CJ McCollum



#### **DESCRIPTORS:**

SEASHELLS HONEYDEW MELON DELIGHTFUL

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION: Chehalem Mountains

ALCOHOL | pH: 12.0% | 2.93

**PRODUCTION:** 100 x 750ml 6pks

## FERMENTATION:

Base: The grapes were picked very early, as is standard for sparkling wine. They were gently whole cluster pressed with a long Champagnestyle press cycle. Following settling, the juice was racked to stainless steel tanks and fermentation commenced. Once concluded, the base wine remained in a stainless steel tank for 8 months prior to tirage bottling.

Tirage: The base wine was prepared for tirage by adding sugar and yeast, then put into bottle. Secondary fermentation in bottle lasted for 5 weeks. At that point, the wine was allowed to age "en tirage" (resting in bottle on the yeast lees) for five years until disgorging.

**RELEASE DATE:** November 6, 2023

**SUGGESTED RETAIL:** \$133

HARVEST DATES: August 12-13, 2017

**TIRAGE BOTTLING DATES:** April 11, 2018

DISCORGE DATE: May 23, 2023

## NOTES FROM CJ

"One of life's greatest pleasures is celebrating wins, big and small. Life is to be enjoyed at all stages! It is with that in mind that we are excited to bring to you our 2017 Sparkling Blanc de Blancs. Enjoy it with friends, with family, at big celebrations, or just in gratitude for life's joys."

## TASTING NOTES FROM WINEMAKER, GINA HENNEN

"Such lovely aromas are present on the nose—fresh apricot, crushed seashells, sliced honeydew melon, and lemon zest. The palate is awash with knife-edged acidity and balanced with the creamy texture of a silky lemon curd. This wine shows the dual purpose of a great blanc de blancs—wonderful with a meal, delightful on its own."

## VINEYARDS

The grapes for this blanc de blancs come entirely from Adelsheim's estate Bryan Creek vineyard nestled high in the Chehalem Mountains AVA. This is an exceptional site for sparkling wine, as it consistently produces lovely, mineraldriven wines with appealing stone fruit nuances.

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