



SILVERHEAD DOUX

75% Chardonnay, 25% Pinot Noir

Chardonnay - Lodi Kettleman Vineyard

Pinot Noir - 12.5%Central Coast, 12.5%Lodi Woodbridge AVA

TA: 8.6

pH: 3.17

ABV: 12.5%

RS: 160g/L

Harvest July 2021

Bottling date July 6, 2021

Winemakers: Laurent Gruet/Sofian Himeur

WINEMAKERS NOTES

In July 2021, grapes were hand-harvested at lower Brix levels to ensure vibrant acidity (TA 8.6) and avoid any bitterness. The base wine was meticulously fermented in stainless steel to reach 11% ABV. By February 2022, the blending process produced a neo-classical combination of 75% Chardonnay and 25% Pinot Noir. In December, the cuvée was bottled with 3g/L live yeast and 24g/L sugar, then laid to rest in VARA's cellars, where it developed the delicate, persistent bubbles that define exceptional sparkling wines. The Doux was finally disgorged in April 2024, finished with a specially crafted dosage by our winemakers, enhancing its intricate flavors.

TASTING NOTES

A straw-colored beauty with a cascade of tiny, persistent bubbles, this sweet sparkling wine, crafted in the traditional Méthode Champenoise, entices with aromas of apricot, peach, and grapefruit. The creamy mousse envelops the palate, while lively acidity perfectly balances the sweetness of the dosage, creating a harmonious experience from the first sip through the mid-palate. The long-lasting finish reveals vibrant flavors of nectarines and citrus, leaving a fresh and delightful impression.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Perfect with some fresh fruit and soft cheese. Or pair it with nothing at all and enjoy the Silverhead Doux as your after-dinner dessert. We like it poured over your favorite vanilla ice cream.