



## 2006 BLANC DE BLANCS

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes

This 2006 Blanc de Blancs has all the wonderful aromas one would like to experience in a great Blanc de Blancs. Look for an abundance of soft, aromatics of yeast biscuit and fresh-baked brioche. Fruit kicks in with lovely Anjou pear and a hint of Pink Lady apple. Framing this set of aromas is an expectation of creamy, succulent flower honey. The flavor has beautiful balance of fruit and minerality. Nashi pear and honey mid-palate blends with a feeling of sunshine, while a classic sense of smokey, stony, flint minerality kicks in, followed by abundant fresh fruit in the length, with a hint of Myer lemon zest sailing into a long lively finish.

### Winemaker's Production Notes

The 2006 vintage was a very comfortable vintage with very little drama. Spring brought plenty of sunshine and heat. This is quite a contrast to 2004 and 2005 poor fruit set vintages. 2006 had the third highest heat units since 1983. Interestingly, 3 of the top 5 highest heat summations of the last 23 growing seasons occurred in this new millennium. Has our transition into the 'New Millennium' led to warmer summers? September brought us a bit of a scare with a week of precipitation accumulation of about 0.6 inches and cool temperatures, but the rain backed off and we saw temperatures in the mid 80's F, with a very desiccating east wind. A most glorious "Indian Summer" ensued throughout the Northwest USA. Wineries and vineyards were able to spread their operation into a smooth steady pace without the usual threat of inclement weather.

### Wine Production Stats

Varietals: 100% Dijon clone Chardonnay

AVA: Dundee Hills

Alcohol: 13.5%

Cases produced: 420 cases

Release Date: June 2010

Winemaker: Rollin Soles

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**91 points**

Wine Spectator

Dec 15, 2010

*"A refined style, playing its creamy, spicy flavors against lively acidity, as fine bubbles enhance the pear and floral flavors. Drink now. 420 cases made." - Harvey Steiman*



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**92 points**

Wine Advocate

October 2010

*"The 2006 Blanc de Blancs Knudsen Vineyard is an elegant, racy effort with lovely white fruit, brioche, and mineral flavours that dance on the palate. Enjoy this elegant bubbly over the next 4-5 years." - Jay Miller*



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