

“CARRYING ON THE FAMILY TRADITION IS SOMETHING I DREAMED ABOUT AND WORKED TOWARDS FOR SOME TIME AND I HOPE THAT MY PARENTS WOULD BE PROUD TO SEE THE LEGACY COME TO FRUITION.”

THE HISTORY

A FOURTH-GENERATION SPARKLING WINE PRODUCER, PAULA KORNELL IS REVIVING HER FATHER’S PIONEERING COMMITMENT TO THE NAPA VALLEY AS FOUNDER OF HANNS KORNELL CHAMPAGNE CELLARS. ORIGINALLY FROM GERMANY, AND A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR, THIRD-GENERATION WINEMAKER HANNS KORNELL WAS AN EARLY ADVOCATE OF MAKING MÉTHODE CHAMPENOISE SPARKLING WINES IN THE NAPA VALLEY. TO HIM, AND TO PAULA, CALIFORNIA, ESPECIALLY THE NAPA VALLEY, HAS LONG BEEN THE LAND OF PLENTY.

PAULA GREW UP IN THE FAMILY WINERY, LEARNING FROM THE BOTTOM UP HOW TO DO EVERY JOB, FROM TASTING BASE WINES TO HAND-RIDDLING BOTTLES AND GIVING TOURS. ALONG THE WAY SHE BUILT LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS AT HOME AND ABROAD AND BECAME A SENSATIONAL HOST, JUST LIKE HER MOM, MARILUISE ROSSINI KORNELL, WHOSE SWISS-ITALIAN HERITAGE WAS OFTEN REFLECTED IN HER COOKING.

AFTER SPENDING YEARS CONSULTING WITH ESTEEMED WINE BRANDS, REGIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ACROSS THE NAPA VALLEY AND SONOMA COUNTY, PAULA KORNELL LAUNCHED HER OWN SPARKLING WINE BRAND WITH THE RELEASE OF THE 2017 NAPA VALLEY BLANC DE NOIRS IN 2019 AND CALIFORNIA BRUT ON VALENTINE’S DAY OF 2020.

THE BUBBLES

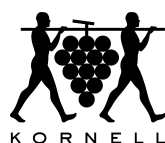
THE PINOT NOIR AND CHARDONNAY GRAPES FOR THE NAPA VALLEY BLANC DE NOIRS COME FROM THE HISTORIC MITSUKO’S VINEYARD IN CARNEROS. THE FRUIT FOR THE CALIFORNIA BRUT IS GROWN IN RIVER JUNCTION BY FIFTH-GENERATION GRAPE GROWERS, WHO WERE AWARDED THE CALIFORNIA GREEN MEDAL FOR SUSTAINABLE WINEGROWING.

IN 2020 A BLANC DE BLANCS FROM CARNEROS CHARDONNAY WAS PUT ON THE YEAST; IT WILL SPEND ANOTHER YEAR EN TIRAGE BEFORE RELEASE IN 2023. A CALIFORNIA BRUT ROSÉ IS SET FOR RELEASE IN 2024.

WINEMAKING

ROBIN AKHURST IS THE WINEMAKER FOR PAULA KORNELL SPARKLING WINE. A NATIVE OF SCOTLAND, ROBIN HAS WORKED AROUND THE GLOBE, ARRIVING IN THE NAPA VALLEY IN 2009. HE SERVES AS DIRECTOR OF WINEMAKING FOR VINTAGE WINE ESTATES, WHERE HE OVERSEES THE WINES OF CLOS PEGASE, SWANSON AND HIS OWN BRANDS, ASPARA CELLARS AND LIBRARY COLLECTION WINES.

ROBIN AND PAULA REMAIN TRUE TO HANNS KORNELL’S TRADITIONAL COMMITMENT TO MÉTHODE CHAMPENOISE, A TIME-INTENSIVE PRODUCTION METHOD FOR MAKING SPARKLING WINE THAT ORIGINATED IN CHAMPAGNE.



CURRENT RELEASES

NV BRUT, CALIFORNIA - \$22

THIS PERFECT INTRODUCTION TO PAULA KORNELL'S SPARKLING WINES HAS ALL THE ELEGANCE, REFINEMENT AND FRESHNESS THAT ONE WOULD EXPECT FROM THE BEST BUBBLES. ITS RACY ACIDITY MAKES THE WINE LIVELY AND REFRESHING, WHILE THE SMALL AMOUNT OF RESIDUAL SUGAR GIVES THE WINE WEIGHT AND DEPTH ALONGSIDE THE AROMAS OF LEMON PITH, FRESH PEACHES, JUST-RIPE APRICOTS, TOAST, ACACIA AND HONEYSUCKLE. IDEAL FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN THE GARDEN, A WEEKEND PICNIC OR AT THE BEGINNING OF A MEAL, THIS APPROACHABLE, HIGHLY DRINKABLE WINE WILL SATISFY ALL TASTES.

2019 BLANC DE NOIRS, NAPA VALLEY - \$50

ELEGANT STREAMS OF ULTRA-FINE BUBBLES FILL THE GLASS, COMPLEMENTED BY GENEROUS AROMAS OF BRIGHT LEMON, BRIOCHE, FRESHLY CUT HAY AND A HINT OF STRAWBERRY AND CURRANT. THE PALATE IS CRISP AND VIBRANT, SHOWCASING A CONCENTRATION OF FLAVORS THAT RANGE FROM RIPE MEYER LEMON, TO WHITE CHERRY, STRAIGHT THROUGH TO NECTARINE COBBLER. THE ENERGETIC AND LIVELY BUBBLES PERSIST ALONGSIDE THE HEIGHTENING COMPLEXITY OF AROMAS. WITH A BARELY PERCEPTIBLE DOSAGE, THE RESULT IS AN EVOCATIVE REPRESENTATION OF CARNEROS TERROIR.

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