



TOKARA

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TOKARA MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE BLANC DE BLANC 2013

ORIGIN

This bubbly is made from 100% Chardonnay from grapes grown on Tokara's Elgin property, Highlands.

SOILS

The soils are quartzitic in nature derived from Table Mountain Sandstone.

SLOPES

The slope is a Northerly aspect at an altitude 425 m above sea level.

CROPPING AND HARVESTING

The vines are cropped at 6 tons per hectare. The leaves in the bunch zone are stripped to expose the fruit to sunlight to help reduce acidity. The grapes were picked mid-March by hand in 2 separate pickings at sugars between 17 and 19 degrees brix and 12 to 14 g/l acid.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were whole bunch pressed after a night in the cold room. Only the first free run juice was pressed (500 l/tonne) to tank for overnight settling with minimal SO₂ added. The juice was racked to seasoned 228 litre barrels for fermentation. After fermentation the wine was topped and remained in barrel with regular lees stirring for maturation. The wine went through 100 % Malolactic fermentation. After which it was sulphured and left to mature further. The base wine spent a total of 8 months maturing before blending and being bottled for the second fermentation in November 2013. The resultant bubbly spent a further 79 months on the lees maturing before being disgorged and put under cork and wire hood in July 2020.

TASTING NOTES

This bubbly has a vibrant light golden hue with a green edge. The mousse is exceptionally fine and consistent. The aromas are those of lightly toasted almonds, lemon preserve and a hint of fresh green apple. The palate is a wonderful interplay between silky liquid, crystalline acidity and fine mousse. Typical flavours include freshly baked Gougère, green apple, lemon preserve. Hints of celery salt provide a zipped saline finish.

Food pairing: Best drunk on its own as an aperitif and perfectly suited for any celebratory occasion.



Alc. Vol %

12.5%

Residual Sugar

4.4g/L

Total Acidity

7.4g/L

pH

3.25