



Blend	81% Pinot Noir 19% Chardonnay
Source	75% Napa County 17% Mendocino County 8% Sonoma County
Alcohol	12.5%
TA	0.75g / 100ml
pH	3.01
Residual Sugar	1.13%
Bottle Size	750 ml
Production	1,182 6 pack cases

## SCHRAMSBERG 1997 RESERVE

The Schramsberg Reserve is our top Pinot Noir-based sparkling wine. Representing 2% of our annual production, this richly-flavored and full-bodied sparkling wine is made from only the finest base wine lots each year. Six years old upon release, this fruitful, creamy bubbly will age gracefully for ten or more years to come.

The Reserve is a Blanc de Noirs style sparkler, a white wine gently crafted from red grapes. Hand picking, early harvesting and light pressing are critical. Small amounts of select Chardonnay are included in the blend to lend some additional backbone and length to the palate.

Extensive tasting is conducted over the winter months, with over 100 base wines representing 60 vineyards in five counties being taken into consideration. For the Reserve blend, 435-50% of the base wines are barrel fermented and aged on the *lees* for six months.

Following fermentation, each bottle is aged in contact with its own yeast in our mountainside caves for a minimum of five years. The finishing dosage is the result of a comprehensive review of base wine options, many of which are barrel-aged for five-plus years.

The Reserve is well suited for service with main courses, especially such choices as veal tenderloin and roast duck, or with full-flavored fish such as sea bass. This delicious bubbly also pleases as an aperitif. Try it with smoked oysters, caviar or crab cakes.

### THE 1997 VINTAGE

"Six years old upon release, the rich, fruitful character of the 1997 vintage has evolved beautifully in the bottle. Nectarine, white cherry and golden delicious apple aromas are now lightly caramelized, hinting of baked meringue and cobbler. Yeast-derived notes of malt, cocoa, hazelnut and walnut chime in. Henry Road and Hyde Carneros Pinot Noirs form the core, producing a full, creamy and juicy palate."

*- Hugh Davies, Winemaker*