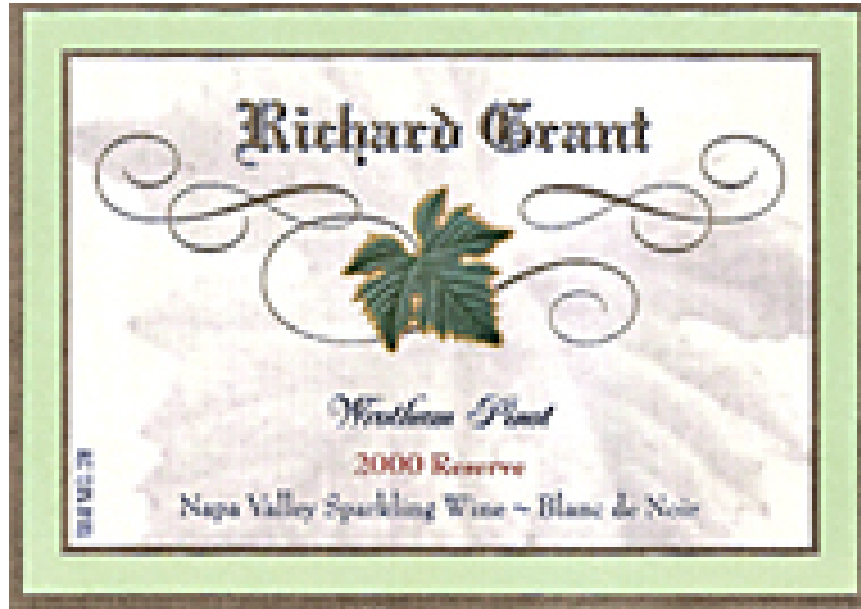


Richard Grant Wrotham Pinot Reserve
Blanc de Noir Sparkling Wine
Napa Valley



The color is a beautiful, clear rose-petal pink. The bubbles are fine and lively, clean and bright. A toasty, fresh aroma adds a fragrance that is irresistible. Rich apple-like fruit is enhanced with sensuous undertones of citrus, making it crisp and refreshing, but never tart. The finish leaves a delicate impression of Brioche on the palate. ~*Dick Peterson, winemaker*

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The story behind the Wrotham Pinot

A superb pink Sparkling Wine from the most unique Pinot Noir ever! Every vine in our 2 acre Napa Valley vineyard grew from a single cutting taken from a 200 year old vine that was discovered growing wild in Wrotham Village in Kent, England. The Wrotham vine is believed to have descended, through natural generations, from the original Pinot Noir vines brought into England by the Romans nearly 2000 years ago.

English winemakers took cuttings from this wild Wrotham vine to propagate a small vineyard as a test for commercial winemaking in England. Because today's cooler English climate is reminiscent of the Champagne district of France, the Wrotham fruit was used for sparkling "Blanc de Noir" wines. These exceptional sparkling wines did not go unnoticed. California winemaker Dr. Richard Grant Peterson liked the sparkling wine so much he imported Wrotham cuttings to California in 1980. He propagated new vines from this bud wood to develop the present 2 acres in Napa Valley. These vines were analyzed at the University of California, Davis, which reported that Wrotham Pinot DNA is identical to that of Pinot Noir. The English scholars were right! Wrotham Pinot vines are antiques; the final offspring of many natural generations from the original Roman Pinot Noir vines grown in England many, many years ago.

It seems likely the variety's development of natural resistance to vine diseases was a factor in the Wrotham vines' ability to survive two millennia of English weather. It was a fortunate discovery that none of our Wrotham grapevines in the Napa Valley has ever needed to be dusted with sulfur to protect against powdery mildew — as happens routinely with all the other commercial vines in California and most of the world. Since no chemical fungicides or insecticides are used on these vines, the vineyard qualifies as organic.

Dr. Richard Peterson has a long, distinguished history of viticulture, winemaking, writing and innovation in the California wine industry. For over 50 years, he has been making wine for some of the most esteemed wineries in California, including his own. Dr. Peterson lives with his wife in Yountville, next to his 2 acre Napa Valley Wrotham Pinot vineyard.

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