CRUSE WINE CO. 2021 Sparkling Valdiguié

VINEYARD:

Valdiguié (Napa Gamay) from Terry Wilson's Rancho Chimiles vineyard in Wooden Valley, Napa Valley AVA. A cooler region in south Napa, nestled against the Vacas mountains. Persistent mid-morning fog prevents extreme temperatures. Vines are 40+ years old. No tillage in the vineyard with a permanent cover crop on silt loam soils, transitioning to organic starting this year.

WINEMAKING:

Though this wine has traditionally been a rosé, the previous few vintages have been *blanc de blancs*. For this method, the grapes go directly to press for a strict champagne cycle with only the *cuvée* fraction being used. The wine is fermented in stainless steel and bottled with approximately 20 g/L of sugar left. The yeast finish fermenting in bottle. After 6 months, the wine is riddled and disgorged with no dosage or sulfur.

The wine is clear and colorless, a true blanc de noirs. The nose is fresh peaches and pears with a slight edge of fennel and cinnamon. Extremely high acid palate with roses and raspberries and a long, clean finish. The wine is fresh spring time or a newly cut bouquet combined with chalky earth. Our most serious and refined *Pét-nat*.

PRODUCTION AND ANALYSIS:

Cases: 1,800 BottlesAlcohol: 11.0%

• pH: 2.99

Pressure: 5.5 barTasting Video

