



CLOVER HILL CUVÉE PRESTIGE LATE DISGORGED BLANC DE BLANCS 2005

REGION: PIPERS RIVERS, TASMANIA
VARIETY: 100% CHARDONNAY

This limited-release Late Disgorged Blanc de Blancs is the epitome of Clover Hill's signature house style - a true combination of passion and patience.

The first Clover Hill sparkling wine, the 1991 vintage, was made entirely from chardonnay grown on our premium sparkling vineyard in the Pipers River region of Tasmania. Today, when we have an exceptionally high-quality chardonnay vintage, we draw on this experience to blend the Clover Hill Blanc de Blancs.

The 2005 vintage in Tasmania was cool and mild, resulting in a longer than usual growing season, which produced exceptionally high-quality sparkling base wine. The Blanc de Blancs was blended from 4 cuvées from our vineyard which was picked over four weeks due to the varied altitude.

All parcels were gently whole-bunch-pressed, fermented and underwent partial malolactic fermentation and battonaged in tanks. The wine was aged on lees in bottle for over 10 years prior to disgorging.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

A vibrant rich straw colour with a persistent fine bead are precursors to the refined and gentle foaming mousse. The wine displays an assortment of fresh melon, citrus and brioche, developed almond and toasty characters. Drinking beautifully now as it has evolved elegantly due to its extended time on lees and cork, this wine will continue its magnificent progression for a minimum of 4-5 years.

KEY ACCOLADES

- **Blanc de Blancs of the Year 2017** - Tyson Stelzer, 2017 Australian Sparkling Report
- Gold (Outstanding)- 2017 International Wine & Spirit Competition
- 96 points – Tyson Stelzer, 2017 Australian Sparkling Report
- 96 points - 2018 Halliday Wine Companion
- 95 points- Mike Bennie & Tyson Stelzer, 2017 Wine Business Magazine

WINE ANALYSIS

Dosage: Tasmanian Chardonnay
aged in French oak foudres
Acid: 7.9 g/L pH: 3.22
Alcohol by volume: 12.3%

Residual Sugar: 7.2 g/L
Harvested: March – April 2005
Tiraged: February 2006
Disgorged: August 2016

