

Iron Horse Vineyards 2004 Wedding Cuvee Technical Data

Appellation: Sonoma County-Green Valley

Winemaker's Tasting Notes Iron Horse is probably best known for Wedding Cuvee. It is without doubt the most romantic of our Sparklings. Made from predominately Pinot Noir, it has an enchanting, slight peach-flesh color. This vintage is elegant, wonderfully vibrant, creamy and dangerously easy to drink.

Precision Farming: Precision farming is a fact-based wine growing philosophy that utilizes the latest technology - GIS/GPS mapping and CAD computer models - focusing on smaller and more tightly delineated vineyard blocks by soil type, aspect and elevation. All pruning, canopy management, irrigation, cover crop and harvesting decisions are determined on a block-by-block (and sometimes even vine-by-vine) basis, considering both the vintage at hand and the long term needs of the land. We use the best tools technology provides and up to date viticulture - balanced by our 30 years of experience and thriving passion.

Vineyard Specifics: The Pinot Noir for our Sparklings tend to come from the oldest vines in the cooler, low lying areas of the property where the fog settles, extending the length of time the grapes hang on the vine developing, great flavor and character. The Chardonnay for our Sparklings comes primarily from our Thomas Road Vineyard planted to a specific clone (Clone 4), which has the best berry size to make the most delicate juice with the most intense flavor and character.

Average Age of the Vines: 16 years at harvest

Harvest Dates: August 10 - 24, 2004

Barrels: None
Blend: 86% Pinot Noir 14% Chardonnay
Malolactic Fermentation: None
Date Bottled: May 2005
Residual Sugar: 0.7 g/100ml

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Alcohol: 12.7% v/v Acidity: 0.8 g/100ml

pH: 3:00

Release Date: 1st Disgorging January 2007

Total Production: 4,083 cases **Suggested Retail Price**: \$35/bottle

Food Pairings: All you really need are fresh strawberries dipped in dark, bitter-sweet chocolate.

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