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2017 BLANC DE NOIRS

91 *Robert Parker*
WINE ADVOCATE

"The 2017 Blanc de Noirs only has one "noir" this year, unlike the prior vintage—it is all Pinot Noir. It comes in with eight grams of residual sugar, 10.2 of total acidity and just 11% alcohol. About 5% of the juice was oak-aged. Per the sticker on the back (happily, the winery is transparent), this was disgorged in February 2021 after about 35 months on the lees. Unlike the Brut blend this year, this Pinot Noir shows off stronger fruit flavors, although it finishes very dry. The signature this year is certainly the acidity. The wine is light but bright and vigorous. The fruit is defined and lifted by the fine acidity that gives this a mouthwatering finish. This, like its sibling, shows relatively little complexity, but if there's a quibble, it does not seem to be a big step up compared to the Brut blend, contrary to what the price spike might imply. It was my personal favorite, but that will mostly depend on your personal taste."



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"Lean and slatey, the wine leads with high-toned passion fruit and yuzu scents, giving way to a sweet lemon core of flavor. It's straight-forward and succulent, with the acidity and the nerve to pair with a plate of little necks."

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