

SOTER VINEYARDS

MINERAL SPRINGS BRUT FORTE - LIMITED EDITION



THE WINE

Mineral Springs Ranch (MSR) is a 240-acre Biodynamic farm and vineyard in the heart of Oregon wine country. Mineral Springs Vineyard consists of 50 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay situated along the ridge line of the property. The combination of respectful farming, ancient marine soils, and temperate climate, result in wines that are layered, nuanced, and captivating while expressing their singular place of origin.

REFLECTIONS

Since 1997, we've produced traditional method sparkling wines that tell the story of our place and time. Every step of winegrowing and production is done in-house by our team led by Director of Winemaking & Viticulture Chris Fladwood, and Winegrower & Owner Tony Soter. Our Brut Rosé has developed a signature expression over the years, but the 2020 vintage challenged us in ways we could not foresee. Typically, we add still Pinot Noir to our base wines, creating the perfect, vibrant pink color and depth of character that define our Brut Rosé. But with wildfires sweeping through the region, our usual blending of still, red wine was not possible, and we chose to avoid any potential influence from the smoke. Instead, we embraced the opportunity to create something unique — and from this challenge, Brut Forte was born.

Meaning “chance” in Latin, Forte captures the spirit of this wine’s unexpected journey. All the grapes for this wine were picked before the wildfires left their signature on the vintage; in some ways this wine represents the immense quality the 2020 harvest was destined to produce. Crafted from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Mineral Springs Vineyard, this wine was aged on tirage for three and half years, developing layers of flavor and complexity only achievable through quality farming and patience. This wine has a modest dosage of just 3 g/L, a testament to the caliber of the vintage. Its golden hue, with just a touch of dusty rose, shimmers in the glass. Aromas of almond brioche, tangerine, and dried strawberries carry through to the palate. The finish lingers with notes of baked apple and apricot.

VARIETY	80% Pinot Noir 20% Chardonnay
APPELLATION	100% Yamhill-Carlton
VINEYARD	100% Mineral Springs Vineyard
ALCOHOL	12.8%
PRODUCTION	750 cases
CERTIFICATIONS	Biodynamic, Demeter Organic, CCOF
FERMENTATION and AGING	Traditional Method Aged 3.5 Years en Tirage 80% Stainless Steel and 20% Neutral Oak Disgorged July 2024 Dosage 3 g/L