

SOFIA
Blanc de Blancs
MONTEREY COUNTY

2011 SOFIA BLANC DE BLANCS

Born from the celebration of love, Francis first created the Sofia Blanc de Blancs sparkling wine as a gift from father to daughter. Sofia Blanc de Blancs, a unique blend of Pinot Blanc, Riesling and Muscat, is a delicate sparkling wine perfect for any celebration. It offers seductive flavors, fresh aromatics and light effervescence — all packaged with striking, feminine flair.

VINEYARD NOTES

The fruit for our Sofia Blanc de Blancs is grown in the cool vineyards of the Arroyo Seco in northern Monterey County. These vineyards benefit from alluvial deposits and gravelly sandy loam soils, which prevent vine vigor. When the fruit matures more slowly, its flavors and aromas become much more intense. 2011 was an unusually cool vintage where harvest was pushed out weeks later than normal. These conditions further concentrated the fruit's flavor palette, thereby producing a more complex and aromatic sparkling wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We pick our grapes at a lower brix (sugar level) to ensure that our wine has a more modest alcohol content. The fruit is whole-cluster pressed into stainless steel tanks for primary fermentation, and then blended before undergoing secondary fermentation using the Charmat method. Adding small amounts of Riesling into the blend adds a succulent note of pineapple, while the inclusion of Muscat contributes fragrant notes of honeysuckle and apricots.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2011 Sofia Blanc de Blancs presents a dazzling perfume of citrus, green apples and apricots, along with bright, effervescent flavors of pear, pineapple and honeysuckle. An elegant note of minerals crowns the light, crisp finish.

APPELLATION:	Monterey County
BLEND:	74% Pinot Blanc, 16% Riesling, 10% Muscat
ALCOHOL:	12% by volume
STYLE:	Off-dry (1.2% residual sugar)
SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:	\$19.00

