

**SOFIA**  
*Blanc de Blancs*  
**MONTEREY COUNTY**

## 2016 SOFIA BLANC DE BLANCS

Sofia Blanc de Blancs is a delicate sparkling wine perfect for any celebration. Made from a blend of Pinot Blanc, Riesling and Muscat this wine offers seductive flavors, fresh aromatics and light effervescence – all packaged with striking, feminine flair.

## VINEYARD NOTES

The growing season started early in 2016 but saw a good deal of winter rain for the first time in years. The much-needed precipitation gave way to pleasant spring temperatures and a consistently warm summer. Though Monterey County is chilly compared to other California appellations, there's always plenty of sun to help the fruit mature slowly so that it develops rich concentration and aromatic intensity.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

To achieve a graceful Prosecco-like character, the fruit for this sparkling wine is picked at a lower brix (sugar level), which by virtue lessens the alcohol content. The grapes are whole-cluster pressed into stainless steel tanks for primary fermentation. Once the wine is blended, it undergoes secondary fermentation to create effervescence using the Charmat method. Composed mainly of Pinot Blanc, the addition of Riesling and Muscat gives the wine fragrant notes of tropical fruits and honeysuckle.

## TASTING NOTES

2016 Sofia Blanc de Blancs offers an alluring perfume and fresh notes of white peaches, mango, orange blossoms and honey. With interplay on the palate of gentle sweetness and crisp citrus verve, the light character and delicate effervescence of this wine finishes with a trace of minerality and subtle hint of lime. It's beautiful as an aperitif and perfect for pairing with hors d'oeuvres and light fare.

<b>APPELLATION:</b>	Monterey County
<b>BLEND:</b>	70% Pinot Blanc, 15% Riesling, 15% Muscat
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	12.0% by volume
<b>STYLE:</b>	Off-dry (0.8% residual sugar)

