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2011 Domaine Carneros Le Rêve product-timed-pdf - Blanc de Blancs, Los Carneros - "Dream" Sparkling from a Classic Producer

Why We're Drinking It

Domaine Carneros with its dazzling château perched on a hill in the heart of Los Carneros is one of the premier sparkling wine houses of California. Established in 1987 by the noble family behind France's Champagne Taittinger house, with the goal of crafting prestigious California-grown sparkling, Domaine Carneros has a reputation of luxury and quality.

Le Rêve, which translates to "the dream" in French, is the tête de cuvée of the estate and frequently regarded as one of America's Best Sparklings from various publications. 100% Chardonnay from estate-grown vineyards, this is pure, complex blanc de blancs heaven. Graceful, stylish with ample mousse, there are vibrant notes of Shinko pear, quince, Meyer lemon, crème brûlée and honeysuckle. Crisp acidity, effortlessly layered and simply stunning.

Sparkling wine enthusiasts, this is quite the gem!

Tasting Notes

A perfect Le Rêve with lovely notes of white flowers, Meyer lemon, quince, pear and a hint of pineapple with a toasty to slightly smoky aroma. The palate opens up to honeysuckle and crème brûlée. The full mouthfeel leads to a very round and long finish. Delicious now, but there will be additional flavor benefits for those who can wait.

VARIETAL
Vintage
APPELLATION
Los Carneros
ALCOHOL
12.00
SIZE
750ml
BLEND
Vintage

The Story to Know

"Founded by the noble family behind Champagne Taittinger, Claude Taittinger's search for a worthy U.S. counterpart began in the late 1970s. In 1987 he selected a 138-acre parcel in the heart of Carneros, Napa Valley. Wisely selecting Eileen Crane to oversee the development of the winery and vineyards, the team created the quintessential California expression of the Taittinger style in Carneros.

The heart of Domaine Carneros has always been sparkling wines, with distinctive styles ranging from the classic vintage-dated Brut cuvée to our luxury Le Rêve Blanc de Blancs. In 1992 we added rich, complex Pinot Noir to our portfolio and our passion for sparkling and still wines continues to grow. Learn about sparkling winemaking and Eileen Crane, Pinot Noir winemaking and TJ Evans, and our portfolio of wines.

Le Rêve is a highly respected tête de cuvée - our winery's finest Sparkling wine and frequently named America's Best Sparkling. French for "the dream," Le Rêve is crafted from 100% estate grown Chardonnay, making it a pure expression of Domaine Carneros."

Ratings

95pts, Wine Enthusiast

Made entirely from estate-grown Chardonnay, this blanc de blancs is heady and intense with ample mousse and body. Green-apple Jolly Rancher flavor meets steely acidity that takes on a tone of wet stone and a focused structure, with a lasting impression of pineapple upside-down cake and crème brûlée. – Virginie Boone

93pts, Wine Spectator

This is the essence of grace and stylish complexity, with Asian pear, fresh ginger and crème brûlée flavors that effortlessly layer into a crisp and opulent texture. Drink now. 515 cases made.
