



SPERLING

Brut Reserve 2011 VQA

Love and Labour Since 1925

Sperling Vineyards

Kelowna, BC

Okanagan Valley

BCVQA

Organic, Biodynamic, Estate Grown, Vegan & Gluten Free

Winemaker: Ann Sperling

Sperling Vineyards Heritage Series

- Classic Method Sparkling
- Blend of 80% Pinot Noir & 20% Chardonnay
- Aged 5 years on lees and finished with no dosage for aging
- Pairs with main courses

Growing Conditions

2011 was the coolest growing season on record (since 2000) at ~1100 heat units, which is ideal for sparkling. The dominant soil feature is deep, mineralogical clay with properties of ultra-fine limestone particles high in calcium (rated 2/3 & 3/3 by Herody), high in minerals and low to moderate in nitrogen. This highly sought-after soil-type is ideal for terroir driven Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, providing balanced mineral nutrition but requiring enriched levels of organic matter for optimal vine growth and grape berry nutrition for winemaking. Other famous regions with comparable cool climate and this soil type, such as Champagne have proven that vines, grown organically express the terroir most typically. Deep rooted vines can find their own water and nutrients for much of the season minimizing irrigation demands.

Winemaking and Viticulture

Classic Champagne Method sparkling from ideal early harvests of pinot noir and chardonnay at 19 brix and 10 g/L total acidity. After primary alcoholic fermentation and with no malolactic fermentation, the two varieties are blended to make a classic cuvée displaying delicacy, finesse and power through minerality. The 2011 at 80:20 is finished Nature ie no dosage was added.

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Technical Data

Alcohol:	12.0%
pH:	3.02
Residual Sugar:	1.9 g/L
Total Acidity:	8.9 g/L
Picking Date:	October 2011
Variety:	Estate Pinot Noir (80%) & Chardonnay (20%)
Closure:	Natural cork
Production:	377 6pk cases 750ml
UPC:	627843278870



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