

# CHANDON

## 1999 VINTAGE BRUT

### PHILOSOPHY

Many of Chandon's sparkling wines are blended, non-vintage wines. We only create a vintage wine in exceptional years; this wine will embody the unique qualities of that particular growing season. With this release of 1999 Vintage Brut, we continue to explore our very best estate vineyards in Carneros, Mt. Veeder and Yountville.

### VINTAGE NOTES

In exceptional winegrowing years like 1999, we choose to craft a vintage-designated cuvée to highlight the unique qualities of the growing season. This "La Nina" year brought a long, cool growing season - ideal conditions for producing top quality wine grapes. Budbreak was early and followed by a cool, dry spring and summer. Because the season was consistent and cooler than normal with few heat spikes, the crop matured at an even pace yet grapes were picked later usual. The year's slower ripening rate was a dream for makers of sparkling wine and worthy of a wine to showcase the vintage.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine expresses complex aromas of buttered toast, apple pie and honey accented by a touch of vanilla cream, imparted by brief oak aging for a portion of the blend. Soft and creamy caramel, cinnamon and nutmeg flavors combine with a hint of lemon zest and crisp acidity on the palate. Having aged for six years on the lees contributes to a long finish with brioche flavors.

### FOOD & WINE PAIRING

Winemaker Tom Tiburzi loves the structure and complexity of this wine. The rich and toasty characters marry beautifully with salty foods like caviar, creamy foods like fresh oysters or goat cheese, and anything roasted including roasted meats or nuts. To complement the spicy notes in the wine, try pairing it with Asian shortribs.



APPELLATION	Sonoma County
AGING PROFILE	Minimum of 6 years on the yeast
BOTTLE SIZES	750ml
SUGGESTED RETAIL	\$50



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