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DAOSA Natural Réserve 6th Release

This is the sixth release of our DAOSA Natural Réserve from our Piccadilly Valley vineyards. This wine is a Pinot Noir and Chardonnay blend with a drop of Pinot Meunier, made following the principles of our Method Classic™. The wine shows classic Pinot Noir characters with subtle strawberry notes and ripe Chardonnay fruit on the middle palate, tempered by a fine bead and a beautiful complexity and length from the Réserve wines. A classic example of Australian sparkling wine, made in the traditional method.

Harvest date:

Mid March 2021.

Vineyard description:

The fruit is sourced from several high altitude vineyard sites in the Piccadilly Valley, most of them with eastern aspects. All vineyards are on clay soils, with the geological formations mainly Basket Range Sandstone, Woolshed Flat Shale or Barossa Complex. All the vineyards are at a minimum altitude of 500m, and were planted in the 1980s and 1990s. The Piccadilly vineyards are all managed by Terre à Terre, following the same strict management practices as the Crayères Vineyard, i.e. hand pruning (Guyot Double), shoot thinning, green harvest to control yields, and hand harvesting.

Vintage description:

The climate in the Piccadilly Valley has a long-term average of 1,172 degree days during the growing season. Yearly rainfall is approximately 1,100mm. The 2020/2021 growing season started on average, but the temperatures post-véraison were cooler than average, creating perfect conditions for the ripening of our sparkling base varieties. Yields were low and quality for sparkling base is superb in 2021, with very good acidities and flavour profiles.

Winemaking:

DAOSA is made following the *Méthode Traditionnelle* (Method Classic™), the method used in the Champagne region of France. Perfectly ripe Pinot Noir fruit for sparkling was hand-harvested in mid March 2021. The fruit was whole bunch pressed, retaining only 600L per tonne of fruit pressed. This gave very fresh acidity, clean juice and good primary fruit characters in the juice prior to fermentation. The juice was fermented cool in a stainless-steel tank. Once primary fermentation was completed, the wine went through malolactic fermentation in tank. Before tirage, the wine was blended (*assemblage*) with some 2019 and 2020 Réserve Chardonnay and Pinot Noir (17% Réserve wines in the final blend), aged in old barrels without sulphur. The wine was then "tiraged" early October 2021 by the addition of yeast and sugar to the wine just before bottling in order to induce the secondary fermentation in bottle. The resultant sparkling wine was aged on lees before disgorging (first batch disgorging late 2022).

Cellaring Potential:

2-5 years

Food Pairing ideas:

Chicken breast and thigh "enroulade" with black truffles.

Orange duck breasts with pan seared endives.

Grape Varieties:

Pinot Noir (60%),
Chardonnay (39%) and Pinot
Meunier (1%)

Closure:

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