



WINEMAKING IS AN ART. BUT THERE IS MORE TO IT THAN THAT. BEHIND EVERY BOTTLE OF STEFANO LUBIANA WINE LIES A LEGACY OF 5 GENERATIONS OF LUBIANA FAMILY WINEMAKING. A LEGACY OF LABOUR AND LOVE – FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

STEFANO LUBIANA NV BRUT RESERVE

We love our sparkling wines. Perhaps that explains why we have released so many different styles over the years – NV Brut, Vintage Brut, Prestige, and of course, our late-disgorged 1998 Vintage Brut *en magnum*.



But there is more to it than that. Sparkling wine grapes are always the first ones picked whenever a new harvest comes along. Seeing those wonderful small berry fruits coming in from the vineyard and entering the winery often takes me back to my first real sparkling wine vintage – during the autumn of Champagne’s magnificent 1985 vintage.

The time-honoured processes of growing and making sparkling wine using traditional French methods really captured my imagination. I wasn’t long out of Roseworthy, and I was determined to find something new and challenging to do as made my way in the wine world.

Arriving in Tasmania’s beautiful Derwent Valley with Monique less than five years later, I was still captivated by the thought of making premium quality, handcrafted sparkling wines.

Our first release appeared in 1993. As time has passed, so have subsequent incarnations of NV Brut – generous, creamy blends of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, grown in our cool southern latitudes, and then aged on lees for a minimum of 18 months before disgorging. Carefully assembled and matured in our own cellars, these wines were always about capturing the spirit of the traditional, bottle-fermented style.

The creation of this Brut Reserve wine has brought us another step closer to the French model – by way of incorporating small batches of barrel-matured reserves into its base wine. In the case of this current release, around 8 percent of the wine was sourced from reserve stocks specially set aside and aged for up to eight years.



We’re really pleased by what we now find in the glass – a rich, mouthfilling, luxurious wine that is complex in aroma and flavour, while still retaining the fundamental verve and freshness of the authentic non-vintage style. We particularly love the allure of its crisp, citrusy acidity. It gives the wine its classic tight structure, and so clearly telegraphs its cool Tasmanian origins. *C’est la vie.*

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