



Grape Varieties	75% Pinot Noir 25% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Ed Carr
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13%
Acidity	7.1g/L
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

Ed Carr has been the head winemaker at Arras since 1998. He was one of the first winemakers to see the potential Tasmanian fruit had for producing world class sparkling wine. James Halliday calls him "a quietly spoken genius, whose name should be known around the world. He is, by some considerable distance, Australia's greatest sparkling winemaker" In 2024 he won the IWC Sparkling Winemaker of the Year, the first Australian to do so. Tasmania's cool climate yields vibrant, acid-driven fruit that is perfectly suited for secondary fermentation and, crucially, extensive lees-ageing. Ed is a proponent of lengthy tirage, much to the horror of his accountants. He insists on lees-ageing his vintage wines for at least six years before disgorgement. As a result, the Arras sparkling wines display great depth and complexity.

VINEYARDS

The fruit is sourced primarily from the Coal River Valley area in Tasmania's south east, with additional fruit coming from sites in the Derwent Valley, Pipers River and East Coast. All vineyards are on VSP trellis and have supplementary irrigation due to the dry summer and autumn. The canopies are managed to maintain dappled light on the fruit, to allow sufficient light intensity for full ripening whilst avoiding sunburn.

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was quite warm and dry overall. This encouraged early budburst and consequently rapid shoot growth. These conditions continued throughout the summer months, so fruit set was even and with careful irrigation, there were good crop yields.

VINIFICATION

The fruit is hand picked and gently pressed with only the highest quality juice selected for fermentation. Further complexity and character are built into the wine with 10% fermentation in new French oak barriques followed by 100% malolactic fermentation. The blended wine was matured for seven years in tirage ensuring an unrivalled depth and complexity in the wine.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has lifted aromas of red berries, yoghurt and Pink Lady apple. Flavours of maraschino cherry, Turkish Delight and stone fruits are complimented by secondary characters of sourdough and field mushroom. A distinctly mineral finish preserves excellent freshness and vibrancy.