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The bubbles are rising in the Dundee Hills

“Oregon is right now the single most exciting winemaking area in the United States” stated Eric Asimov in a New York Times article, *The Oregon Trail*. The 40+ wineries in the Dundee Hills AVA are fueling that excitement from vine care to wine crafting, and sparkling wine is one chapter in the story. Although Oregon is most often recognized for Pinot Noir, a growing number of wineries are earning accolades for their sparkling wines.

ARGYLE WINERY LED THE WAY TO SPARKLING WITH THEIR 1987 VINTAGE

Argyle Winery launched its sparkling program in 1987 and was the first to do so in the Willamette Valley. Today, producing seven different sparkling wines, they are featured on restaurant menus across the country with an annual case production of 25,000.

Argyle’s most high-profile wine is the Extended Tirage, a brut-style wine aged 10 years before bottling. Of the 12 Argyle wines chosen for Wine Spectator’s annual Top 100 Wines in the World, four are the Extended Tirage: 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2002.

NYSA SPARKLES!

Nysa Vineyard released its first sparkling wine in 2018 from their 2013 vintage— a brut Rosé aged in the bottle for 4 years on the yeast. Nysa also released their first port from the 2011 vintage which aged in oak for 6 years allowing the tawny flavors to mature. These new offerings along with their two Pinot Noirs, Chardonnay and Rosé offer the opportunity to pair their wines with each course of a special meal!

DE PONTE OFFERS A UNIQUE TWIST ON SPARKLING.

The Melon de Bourgogne is a grape with origins in Burgundy (hence the name, literally translating to Melon of Burgundy) but is now grown in the westernmost part of the Loire Valley in the region of Muscadet.

The Melon de Bourgogne vines were planted on De Ponte Vineyard (formerly Stewart Vineyard) in the mid 70’s and were intended to be Pinot Blanc vines – none of them were. The previous owners, upon finding out it was indeed Melon de Bourgogne, kept the vines because they loved the wine it produced.



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This Méthode Traditionelle sparkling wine was their first sparkling vintage in 2015, and 200 cases were made. Produced exclusively of their old vine Melon, this sparkling has a fresh nose of apricot, peach and notes of brioche, with fine and persistent bubbles in the glass – all while keeping its traditional varietal essence and minerality.

A PROPRIETARY BLEND AT NATIVE FLORA

Native Flora, a small production, secluded vineyard and winery founded in 2005, began producing estate sparkling in 2011. Their acclaimed proprietary blend of Pinot Noir and Pinot blanc, all method champenoise with a minimum of two years tirage, can only be found at their winery. They are actively engaged in extended tirage programs, offering 2-, 4-, 6-, 8- and soon, 10-year aging options.

CO-FOUNDER OF ARGYLE WINERY PRODUCES SPARKLING

At ROCO, winemaker Rollin Soles, who co-founded Argyle Winery and whose wines have been named among the Top 100 Wines of the World by Wine Spectator thirteen times, also offers sparkling in his roster of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

SECOND GENERATION WINEMAKERS OFFER THREE SPARKLING CHOICES

At Sokol Blosser, one of the pioneering Oregon wine families now led by the second generation, their popular Evolution Sparking Brut is joined by the new Evolution Sparkling Rosé. New packaging will dress the 2014 vintage of their Sparkling Rosé of Pinot Noir.

This expansion in sparkling is earning an avid following as the well-deserved accolades build. Oregon, and the winemakers in the Dundee Hills, are ready to share the excitement over a glass of bubbly. Are you ready to join us?

INTENSE YET DELICATE

Winter's Hill Estate joined the ranks of many other Dundee Hills sparkling producers with the release of their first sparkling wine in September of 2018. Their sparkling wine is created exclusively from estate grown fruit, using a blend of Pinot Noir and Pinot Blanc. Gentle pressing and barrel fermentation allow Winemaker, Russell Gladhart, to create intense yet delicate sparkling wine.



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FURIOSO “SPIRITO” SPARKLING BRUT ROSÉ

With one of the oldest vineyards in the Dundee Hills AVA (established in 1972) and stunning views of the Cascade Mountains and Willamette Valley, this boutique winery released its first méthode champenoise brut rosé in 2019, “Spirito”. Dry and crisp, this blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay is sure to delight at the holidays or any time you wish to celebrate. Hailed as “An amazing first release!” by the International Wine Review, only 500 cases of this spectacular sparkling were produced.

DOBBES FAMILY ESTATES: CELEBRATING THE PLANET’S RESOURCES THROUGH NATURAL ELEMENTS

Each November, Dobbes Family Estates releases a new Elements sparkling wine that recognizes one of the four natural elements – water, fire, earth and air. Elements is made with purpose of bringing awareness to our planet’s greatest resources and our part in its preservation. The 2019 Elements Grenache Blanc Bubbles recognizes the element, Air. Dobbes is proud to partner with Friends of Trees and donate 10% of the proceeds to help improve the world by planting trees and growing healthy communities. Celebration happens all year long with events and offers surrounding the Elements Sparkling Wine program.

WINDERLEA’S VINTAGE SPARKLING BRUT

With a passion for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, crafting an elegant sparkling was always top of mind for Winderlea winegrowers, Bill Sweat and Donna Morris. Winderlea’s inaugural sparkling wine is everything they could have hoped for. The grapes are pressed and the juice is moved to neutral French oak where it ferments and ages for seven months. After two years in tirage, Bill and Donna are pleased to share their second release of sparkling wine the Vintage Sparkling Brut with their guests.

FEMALE WINEMAKER FULFILLS DREAMS AT STOLLER FAMILY ESTATE

At Stoller Family Estate, our pioneering spirit sparkles within Winemaker, Kate Payne-Brown. Payne-Brown and Vice President of Winemaking, Melissa Burr, are revolutionizing the wine industry by trailblazing the path for female winemakers.

More than 12 years ago, Kate dreamt of becoming a sparkling winemaker. In 2014, she made her dream a reality with the LaRue’s Brut Rosé, named after LaRue Stoller. At the time, it was among a handful of sparkling wines produced in the Willamette Valley. Now, six vintages later, this flawless line of bubbly is available in both Brut Rosé and Blanc de Blancs. Kate’s passion and transparency are apparent in these clean and elegant wines. Sourced from some of our most elegant 25-year-old grapevines, we invite you to join us as we raise our glasses of beautiful bubbly to fulfilling dreams.



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