

farm + winery barnard, vermont

Grace and Favour



vintage:2019

La Crescent Pet Nat *vineyard:* Vergennes Vineyard. Planted on clays and limestone, favoring limestone. Broad, western facing slope looking toward the Adirondacks. Defined by wind and big weather gestures. Bud break around the beginning of May (probably not this year tho!) and blossoming end of May. Native meadow: wild carrot, dandelion, daisy, false foxglove, clover, burdock, and comfrey. Fog and early morning moisture in autumn. Full sun. Not susceptible to frost in spring or autumn.

farming: Organic and biodynamic.

vinification: Overnight whole cluster maceration, destemmed, foot crushed, direct press, fermentation until two brix and bottled. Riddled during the winter, light disgorgement topped up with the same wine.

note: This is a white wine from our little vineyard with a wild garden of purple aster and daisy fleabane. Descendant from a grape varietal housed at Hampton Court, the oldest living grape vine, this wine honors the palace's history as a house of 'grace and favour' with empty apartments given as tokens of esteem to loyal courtiers. In the 19th century, the palace became a veritable village for ladies with royal connections. With its deep roots tracing back in history, this hand harvested and unfiltered alpine sparkling hails from our vineyards in the northern climes of Vermont.

alc. %: 11.5 *agriculture*: biodynamic