

Non-Vintage Marlborough
Methode Traditionelle Brut
Winemaker: Daniel Le Brun
North-South facing vines
Mendoza clone Chardonnay, 10x5 clone Pinot Noir
Harvested early-mid March at 18-19 brix;
Alcohol: 12% -- Total Sugars: 7.4 g/L -- pH: 3.2



The first release of Number Eight was launched with a top 5 star rating in *Winestate Magazine* May 2002 and went on to win the *Winestate Trophy for Sparkling Wine of the Year Runner Up*. Representing good luck, achievement, abundance and success in Chinese numerology, Number Eight becomes a complimentary stablemate to our trophy-winning N0 1. The colours red, gold and black according to feng shui have all the same symbolic references as the number eight.

An easy-drinking aperitif style, this wine was blended from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. It is fresh and inviting with sophisticated champagne-like characters, intense flavours, and a long finish.

Awards & Comments

90 Points & Editor's Choice -- *Wine Enthusiast*, USA, 2003

“The more expansive, forthright of the Family Estate trio, a blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and winning many gold awards because of its balance and harmony. A stylish sparkling with a lot to say, pretty dry and able to fit well into the wide spectrum of places and occasions for quality sparkling.”

Peter Saunders, *F&B Magazine* November 2004

“A clean, yeasty sparkling white with citrus characteristics and quite good length.”

Winewise Small Vigneron Awards, Australia, 2004

Winestate Magazine Trophy for Best Sparkling Wine of the Year 2002

Best Bubbles

“...In Chinese the number eight represents good luck, achievement, abundance and success. And that's what this wine is all about, or so say the winery marketers. As far as flavour goes, this is incredibly refined with lingering lemon tastes.” Joelle Thomson's *Wine Guide*, 2002, *NZ Herald* July 2002.



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