

# AUSTRALIA'S MOST AWARDED SPARKLING WINE

In 1988, Ed Carr embarked on a journey to craft an exceptional Australian sparkling wine, equal to the world's best. In 1995, House of Arras was founded; the name 'Arras' means 'rich tapestry'. House of Arras is Australia's most awarded sparkling wine brand with over 110 trophies and more than 290 gold medals to date.

# **BLANC DE BLANCS 2015**



#### **OVERVIEW**

A wine that truly expresses the elegance and sophistication of Tasmanian Chardonnay when paired with meticulous winemaking and extensive aging in tirage. The House of Arras Blanc de Blancs is a tribute to Chardonnay; a variety often considered the pinnacle of classic sparkling wine varieties for it's elegance and longevity.

# GRAPE VARIETY Chardonnay

# COLOUR

Pale straw with a fresh green edge. Exhibiting an ultra-fine and persistent bead.

# NOSE

Fragrant aromas of sea spray, grapefruit pith, white flowers and fresh pastry.

## PALATE

An intensely focused wine of fantastic tension and poise, expressing characters of lemon zest, sourdough and natural yogurt. The extra Brut dosage exposes the superb finesse and balance with a bright and refreshing natural acidity to finish.

# VINEYARD REGION

Tasmania (East Coast, Derwent Valley, Coal River Valley & Pipers River)

# **VINTAGE CONDITIONS**

A temperate and dry year with an excellent fruit set and final yield. Berry size was near perfect and the fruit retained a high natural acidity which required additional hang time to moderate.

The wines from this vintage exhibit fantastic structure and poise, showcasing all the classic characters of a cool and balanced season through to harvest.

## WINEMAKING

A sophisticated Blanc de Blancs style that is always crafted from the best Chardonnay of the vintage. Pristine Chardonnay fruit was hand-picked and gently bunch pressed to ensure the extraction of the finest juice. Primary fermentation was in stainless steel and first use French oak barriques (10%), and then underwent malolactic fermentation to add further softness and character to the wine. After seven years on lees maturation the disgorged wine is completed with a tailored dosage to create a style of great sophistication and poise.

## TIRAGE

6 years

#### WINE ANALYSIS

Dosage: 2.5g/L pH: 3.15 Acidity (TA): 7.6g/L Alc/Vol: 13.2%

# RELEASE NUMBER

10<sup>TH</sup> Release

#### WINEMAKER

Ed Carr

## FOOD MATCH

Fresh seafoods, natural or with a nuance of exotic spice.