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## BLANC DE NOIR

San Joaquin Valley, California

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The San Joaquin Valley is California's largest wine region, and for a good reason. This area is an agricultural haven and is known as the "food basket of the world". Grapes just thrive here and are so content to grow that you can taste their utter bliss in the juice. With over 100 years of winemaking history, producers have been pushing the quality boundaries and the region is becoming known for its varietal focus.

Blanc de Noir is a French term that translates to a 'white wine made from dark grapes'. Pinot Noir, which many wine experts argue is the greatest red wine grape in the world, is used for this particular wine. A fussy character, Pinot Noir is notably difficult to grow. However, with those deep fertile soils of the San Joaquin Valley and the cool Delta breeze that flows through the vineyards, Pinot Noir is quite content here. By quickly removing the skins from the juice after the grapes have been pressed, the pigment from the skins is not transferred to the juice resulting in all the beautiful complexities of Pinot Noir while keeping the colour light and the tannins at bay. This wine, with its Crabapple and strawberry driven nose and light body, pairs well with delicate dishes. Splurge on poached lobster or enjoy with eggs benedict at your next Sunday brunch.

**SWEETNESS:** Off-Dry

**BODY:** Light-medium

**OAK:** None

**ALCOHOL:** 13%\*



\*Alcohol level based on following Winexpert winemaking instructions.

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