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DOMAINE CARNEROS.
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TOP SPARKLING ROSÉS TASTED IN 2021

Domaine Carneros 2015

Le Rêve Rosé Carneros (\$140) **95**

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Late Disgorged Brut Rosé Carneros (\$60) **93**

*Many of the serious sparklers are made by dedicated sparkling wine producers like **Domaine Carneros...***

NORTH AMERICA

We've written extensively about North American sparkling wines... Suffice it to say that producers in California, Oregon, and New York are making world class sparkling rosé these days.

- **California: Domaine Carneros (Le Rêve)**

Domaine Carneros 2020 Avant-Garde Pinot Noir Rosé Carneros (\$30) **91**

Pale pink salmon. Showing incisive aromas of red cherry skin and wild raspberry, this is an elegantly textured rosé, silky with nuances of cherry and melon. Finishes precise with lingering rich extract of fresh fruit. 100% Pinot Noir (Pommard, 115, Swan clones) barrel fermented in neutral oak; 13% alc.

Domaine Carneros NV Cuvée de la Pompadour Brut Rosé Carneros (\$44) **92**

The Cuvée de la Pompadour is a crowd pleasing sparkler with its exuberant fruit and lively mousse. Freshly picked ripe strawberries show on the nose and are picked up again on the nicely weighted palate along with a hint of brioche. It's crisp, clean and very well made. A blend of 60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay with 18 months in bottle sur lie.

Domaine Carneros 2015 Late Disgorged Brut Rosé Carneros (\$60) **93**

Light coppery salmon color. Showing a highly fragrant, open nose of strawberries, creme brûlée and pastry crust, this is a substantial rich and round, flavor-packed sparkling rosé. It's big and dense with hints of toasted brioche and buttered almond complementing the beautiful fresh fruit. It has enough weight to handle a variety of white meat dishes. 58% Pinot Noir, 42% Chardonnay with 5 years sur lie; RS 9g/L; 12% alc.

Domaine Carneros 2015 Le Rêve Rosé Carneros (\$140) **95**

Light salmon color. Showing a lively, highly fragrant bouquet of strawberries, pastry cream, and just a hint of flint, this very special sparkling rosé screams finesse and elegance from beginning to finish. It's round, seamless, and perfumed in the mouth with beautiful purity. And it's not just fruit--there's minerals and spice and an even smoky, nutty notes. Made of 55% Pinot Noir and 45% Chardonnay estate grown; RS 9 g/L; 12% alc. Claude Taittinger created this Domaine, and Eileen Crane made the sparkling wines that produced its lofty reputation as California's best sparkling wine house. We've tasted these wines many times and did an in depth tasting at the estate while producing our Wines of Los Carneros report, but the 2015 Le Rêve Rosé is the best we've had.



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