

# Pétillant Blanc

Sparkling White Wine - - - - - 10% ABV Vintage 2021

GRAPE	Delaware
REGION	Yamagata

WINEMAKERS: *Yutaka and Michiru Nakajima*

ABOUT THE WINE:

BOTTLES PRODUCED: N/A

— This “Pétillant Blanc” is a lightly sparkling wine from 100% Delaware grapes grown in Yamagata Prefecture. Yamagata saw heavy rainfall in 2024, so to concentrate the flavors of the grapes and reduce water content, the grapes were rigorously handsorted and then left to dry on straw mats for two weeks. The juice then fermented for two weeks before fresh juice was added to initiate secondary fermentation, and bottled in October. However, this vintage struggled to complete secondary fermentation and the resultant wine was closer to still than sparkling. Nonetheless, it is an elegant and fresh expression of Delaware, and it is produced without added sulfites and is unfiltered, preserving its authentic character.

It is a high-toned wine, with perfumed notes of melon and grapefruit on the nose, giving way to an expressive palate of tart lemon, green apple, and early yellow stone fruit. Its pronounced acidity balances subtle melon flavors, making it light and easy to drink. The label portrays a chick wearing a cluster of grapes that say ‘DELA’ on them (literally Dela-wear!), and it exclaims “there aren’t any bubbles!” This “pét-not” pairs wonderfully with a wide range of dishes including grilled fish, fried chicken, Korean pork belly, stir-fried pork, buttered corn with seaweed, Indian lentils, sausage, charcuterie, sashimi, and seafood carpaccio. It’s a delightful, easy, lightly effervescent wine that reflects the unique terroir of Yamagata.



PRODUCER

Domaine Nakajima

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