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Yellowhawk Resort and Sparkling House Receives Best in Class Award

New ratings and awards for Yellowhawk Bubbles in white, rosé and red, and sparkling Sémillon

Walla Walla, WA – March 24, 2022 – Since the first four varieties were released in July 2021, the sparkling wines from Yellowhawk Resort and Sparkling House have received several awards and accolades, including Best in Class and two silver awards from the 2022 [Savor Northwest Wine Awards](#) blind tasting competition. Yellowhawk Resort is the first dedicated sparkling house in Walla Walla and provides something unique for locals and visitors, with a winery and tasting room, lodging, pool cabanas and event spaces.

The sparkling wine program at Yellowhawk Resort is led by George-Anne Robertson and will evolve over the coming years to include additional sparkling wine varieties, as well as the three approachable varieties of Bubbles. Two new releases will be announced on May 5, 2022. The first four releases include a 2019 sparkling Sémillon from the Double River estate vineyard, and three varieties of Yellowhawk Bubbles in white, rosé and red which are perfect for everyday celebrations.

2019 Sparkling Sémillon

100% Double River Estate Vineyard Sémillon

Retail Pricing \$48.00

- Awards and Reviews: The Wine Panel: 90 Points in the +\$45 Category
- Tasting Notes: Sémillon from the Yellowhawk Double River estate vineyard features hints of Meyer lemon and biscuits with bright and crisp tiny bubbles.
- Production Notes: Sémillon was picked early in the morning to hold acidity, slowly pressed immediately and fermented in stainless steel. A traditional-inspired sparkling method was used and then put in a second light fermentation in the bottle to create 90 million bubbles in each glass. The final dosage was minimal to present the bright acidity and flavor of the estate Sémillon.

Bubbles White

Retail Pricing: \$30.00

- Awards and Reviews:
 - 2022 Savor Northwest Wine Awards: Best of Class: 95 points
 - The Wine Panel: 93 Points in the \$25-\$35 Category
 - Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wines: 18.5/20 points
- Tasting Notes: A zippy and bubbly blend of Riesling and Pinot Gris from the Columbia Valley with crisp minerality and fresh floral notes. Flavors of lemon zest and tropical mangosteen balance the bubbles with bright natural acidity from the Riesling.
- Production Notes: Harvested in the early hours of the morning to hold on to all the acidity and flavors. Fermented and aged in stainless steel blended first for flavor and aroma, as well as mouth feel. The blended wine is put into a Brite tank where the carbonation process is set into motion before bottling.

Bubbles Rosé

Retail Pricing: \$30.00

- Awards and Reviews:
 - 2022 Savor Northwest Wine Awards: Silver Medal
 - The Wine Panel: 91 Points in the \$25-\$35 Category
 - Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wines: 18.5/20 points
- Tasting Notes: A blend of Rhone varietals brings aromas of ripe stone fruit and orange blossom with an underlying herbaceous note. Bright citrus flavors at first taste, with an earthy finish and complex mouth feel with small popping bubbles.
- Production Notes: Rhone varietals harvested in late September through late October from Walla Walla Valley. After cold soaking and pressing into stainless steel for fermentation, Grenache and Mourvèdre remained in stainless steel and Syrah aged in neutral French oak. The blended wine was put into a Brite tank where the carbonation process is set into motion before bottling.

Bubbles Red

Retail Pricing: \$30.00

- Awards and Reviews:
 - 2022 Savor Northwest Wine Awards: Silver Medal
 - The Wine Panel: 90 Points in the \$25-\$35 Category
 - Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wines: 18.5/20 points
- Tasting Notes Smoked meats and violets on the nose and plum and crème de cassis as the core flavors which come together with small ticklish bubbles.
- Production Notes: Stems on co-fermentation of Viognier and Syrah harvested in late October from the Double River estate vineyard. Fermented in stainless steel followed by pressing into neutral French and American oak to hold on to the deep color associated with Walla Walla Syrah. The finished wine was blended with estate Sémillon and put into a Brite tank where the carbonation process began before bottling.

About Yellowhawk Resort

[Yellowhawk Resort](#) is an 84-acre hillside retreat on Walla Walla's south side. The resort features a sparkling winery and tasting room with farm-to-table dining, swimming pool and cabanas, lodging and event space for weddings, reunions, and corporate retreats. As you enter the gate and wind up the hill to the estate house, the elevated setting provides a sweeping outlook on the fields of wheat, lush vineyards, and Blue Mountains. The property was purchased in December 2020 by Pacific Northwest hospitality leaders Dan Thiessen, Chad Mackay, Scott Clark, Philip Christofides, Paul Mackay and Jeff Davis and is part of the Revelers Club loyalty program. The sparkling wine program is led by winemaker George-Anne Robertson.

Winemaker George-Anne Robertson is the former estate director of Walla Walla Vintners and a graduate of the Institute for Enology and Viticulture at Walla Walla Community College. She had planned to move to Japan and become the sparkling winemaker for Fuji-San when the Covid pandemic began. While she was contemplating whether she would be able eventually make that move, the new ownership team at Yellowhawk made the decision to become a sparkling house. This moment of serendipity led to George-Anne knowing that she had found the perfect opportunity to create something special with a variety of sparkling wines.

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