



**SEA SPRAY**

APPELLATION STA. RITA HILLS

*Sparkling Wine*

750ML 12% ALC/VOL

## **2012**

### ***Forbes***

“I have been swimming in a sea of spectacular sparklers recently, and bottlings from all over the world, with both famous and utterly obscure names on the labels, have won me over. **Sea Smoke, producer of much-sought-after Pinot Noirs, crafts ‘Sea Spray’, a stunning sparkling wine; their Late Disgorged 2012 Blanc de Noirs is no exception.**”

*-Brian Freedman, June 2016*

### ***Sunset***

#### **“New Favorites”**

“Until recently, you’d find bottles from only a few West Coast wineries on the ‘domestic sparklers’ shelf. Now, many smaller wineries are making high-quality (Champagne method) sparkling wine. Here are **some of our favorites.**”

#### **2012 Sea Smoke L.D. ‘Sea Spray’ Sparkling Wine**

“A splurge, but smoky toast and tart Rainier cherries and cream are worth it.”

*-Sara Schneider, September 2016*

### ***Wine Review Online***

“This is a late disgorged release of a wine I reviewed last year – one that I absolutely loved. I love this version even more. The extra two years on the lees definitely kicks it up a notch. The additional time gives a depth to the yeasty character that adds real panache to the experience. You can find the rest of my notes in the archives on the regular 2012 bottle, but rest assured, this version is **one of the best bubbly in California.**” **97 Points**

*-Rich Cook, December 2016*

### *PinotFile*

**“Sea Smoke Estate Vineyard has been considered one of California’s most exceptional vineyards.”**

#### **2012 Sea Smoke L.D. ‘Sea Spray’ Sparkling Wine**

“Lovely delicate pinkish orange color in the glass. The nose is searching and complex, offering scents of yeasty lees, salty ocean, peach pit, walnut oil, and subtle cherry and raspberry fruits. Tremendous vibrancy in the mouth with a lively bead, offering flavors of peach, orange water, dried cherry, cranberry and brioche. Thoroughly dry, with noticeable persistence of flavors on the soprano finish that delivers a tight grip of acidity. This wine calls out for foie gras.”

**94 Points: Extraordinary**

*-Rusty Gaffney, March 2016*

### *Wine Enthusiast*

“Hailing from **one of the appellation’s most celebrated vineyards**, this ever-so-slightly pink wine delivers high and tight aromas of pink grapefruit, bubblegum and yeast. The creamy fizz shows ripe nectarine at first, then alkalinity, lime zest and grapefruit pith show up to keep the party in order.”

**92 Points: Excellent; highly recommended**

*-Matt Kettmann, May 2015*

### *Forbes*

#### **“American Sparkling Wine Is Set to Pop This Holiday Season”**

“Victor Gallegos, VP, GM, and director of winemaking at **Sea Smoke, which crafts highly sought-after Pinot Noirs** from the Sta. Rita Hills AVA of California, explained in an email that, ‘We are not experts in the domestic sparkling market, but it seems to have experienced the same SKU proliferation as the wine market in general. With more top wineries making great domestic sparkling wines, and with these wines getting more and more positive attention, I do believe there is a growing willingness and comfort level among consumers to explore beyond their normal sparkling choices.’

Consumers who are willing to give Sea Smoke sparkling wine a chance are rewarded with **excellent bubbly**. The **2012 Sea Smoke L.D. Sea Spray Sparkling Wine** is full of the kind of biscuit-like notes that traditional-method sparkling-wine devotees enjoy, with added freshness from tart red cherry, hard peach, and distinct minerality.”

*-Brian Freedman, November 2016*

## **2011**

### *Wine Review Online*

#### **“Today’s Featured Wine”**

**“Renowned Pinot Noir producer Sea Smoke enters the sparkling wine arena with this beautiful bottling.** The ‘11 is very forward in its aroma profile, displaying strawberry, raspberry, cranberry, fresh baked bread, lemon zest, tangerine and a bit of lavender. On the palate it shows a delightfully creamy feel, vibrant acidity and elegant effervescence, delivering the nose elements directly as flavors with a long mouthwatering finish. This goes right to the head of the class of domestic Blanc De Noirs, and it’s got some aging potential to boot.” **95 Points**

*-Rich Cook, November 2013*

**Forbes**

“Despite the significant discouragements to entry, **there is a dedicated cadre of small-scale American producers whose wines readily deserve a seat at the same tables as fine French grower Champagnes**... cool-climate producers in California like Sea Smoke.”

-Richard Nalley, December 2012

**Fox News**

**“Top 10 American Sparkling Wines”**

“If the name Sea Smoke Cellars is meant to evoke the coastal fog that often blankets its estate vineyards, ‘Sea Spray’ is an apt description of the this lively sparkling wine. Made from biodynamically farmed Pinot Noir, the 2011 displays an aromatic bouquet of lavender, cranberries and lemon meringue, fine bubbles and a lengthy finish.” **9 out of 10**

-December 2013

**Newsday**

“**The 2011 Sea Smoke Sea Spray Sparkling Wine is a delight**, with notes of cranberry and citrus.”

-Peter Gianotti, November 2013

**2008**

**Gayot**

**“The Top 10 Best Sparkling Wines in the U.S.”**

“Made entirely from their own estate grown Pinot Noir, the 2008 ‘Sea Spray’ is light, refreshing and smooth. Aromas of violet, raspberry and ruby red grapefruit continue in the mouth, along with a hint of caramel.”

-Alain Gayot, March 2012

**Wine Review Online**

**“Wines Well Worth Drinking”**

“I knew Sea Smoke’s Pinot Noirs were good, but I had no idea about its other wines. Sea Smoke’s 2008 ‘Sea Spray’ Sparkling Wine is **outstanding, definitely one of California’s premium sparkling bruts**; it’s 100 percent Pinot Noir, very aromatic and full-bodied.”

-Ed McCarthy, May 2013