

Midalidare Reserve Brut NV

Following the principles and practices built over the centuries in already recognized wine regions the Midalidare Sparkling Wine project was launched. 10 years ago, after a profound terroir analysis and assessment, the first vines of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier was planted on the Prisovete and Dabovets vineyards. In 2020 a top selection of Midalidare Sparkling is presented – Midalidare Reserve Brut NV. A sparkling wine made according to the traditional method of sparkling winemaking, bottle fermentation, at least 48 months ageing on the lees and made with exceptional attention to detail.

Appellation and origin: Sparkling wine from Bulgaria, Chardonnay Brut “Midalidare Reserve”, traditional sparkling winemaking Blanc de Blancs, Thracian Lowlands, Mogilovo. Midalidare estate grown and bottled: vineyards [Prisovete](#) and [Dabovets](#) (Bio certified).

Grape variety: 100% [Chardonnay](#) from Prisovete and Dabovets.

Sweetness Scale: Brut.

Terroir: Chardonnay vines are planted on the northern slopes of Prisovete and Dabovets vineyards. The plots are specially selected in order to limit the amount of sunlight. The plantations are at average altitude 560-390 metres above sea level and 10% slope. The soils are of alluvial origin and are characterized by presence of clay and slime, with a high content of limestone. These soils have the ability to retain water and make carbonates available to the plants. The unique microclimate of Mogilovo area is characterized by great temperature amplitudes, northern air currents from the wide valleys, mild winter, hot summer, and optimal proportion of sunshine and rainfall.

Viticulture: Chardonnay vines are at average age of 8 years in vintage 2021. The orientation of rows is East-West, with northern exposure. The forming is single vertical shoot positioning (VSP or singe guyot), the density is 5000 plants per hectare. The yield is controlled at 9-10 ton/ha. Regulation of production, e.g., green pruning is made when the height of the shoots is 15-20 cm. Also, an important viticulture practice is controlling the water balance. The harvest for sparkling winemaking grapes precedes the one for still winemaking and usually starts two-three weeks earlier.

Harvest: The harvest takes place in the early mornings, in the beginning of August. Manually harvested grapes are carried out with 10-12 kg boxes and cooled for 24 hours.

Winemaking notes: Midalidare Reserve Brut NV is made from the best grapes and selected wine juice. The winemaking process starts with step-by-step whole-cluster pressing and separating the fractions. Clarification, decanting and primary fermentation at controlled temperature precede the ageing on the lees, blending and cold stabilization. Then, sterile filtration and yeasts introduction are the preparation for the fermentation in bottle. A few hours after the wine is bottled, stopped with a crown cap, and stored in a wine cellar for a second fermentation. The second fermentation is carried out for about 40 days at controlled temperature. During the process the pressure inside the bottle increases from 0 to 7 bars. The following process is ageing on the lees at controlled low temperature, for at least 48 months. After ageing, the bottles undergo a process known as remuage (riddling). The bottles are placed on special racks called pupitres, with the crown cap pointed down. Daily, several times a day, the bottles are given a turn with the angle gradually increased. For the process of degorgement the bottles are placed upside down and the bottle neck is frozen. The crown cap is then popped off which allows the frozen lees to shoot out of the pressurized bottle. The liquid level is complemented with “liqueur d'expedition” (dosage) and the wine is bottled and corked. The final steps are Poignettage – gentle shaking of the bottles in order to homogenize the dosage, and Mirage or inspection of the limpidity of the wine. At the end of his long winemaking process, Midalidare Sparkling wines are aged for at least 3 months in bottle.

Tasting notes: Shiny, golden-yellow colour. The mousse is rich, ample, and prolonged. An intensive fruity nose of ripe apple, pear, and meadow is followed by nicely balanced and fresh palate. [Midalidare Reserve Brut NV](#) is tenses, full-bodied wine with good structure and great potential.

Serving suggestions: Excellent aperitif. [Great match](#) for fried food, crustacean, oily fish, white meat, pasta, hard cheese, and desserts. Pair with beer-battered cod and onion rings; smoked salmon and potato galette; biscuit-topped chicken potpie; Tandoori kebabs. Serve at 7-9°C, in [Tulip wine glass](#).

Storage and maturity: Cool and dark place, at temperature 5-8°C. Mature; could benefit from further ageing. Keep 10 years and more.

Chemical Analysis:

Alcohol content: 12.5% vol.
Total acidity: 8.18 g/l
Residual sugar: 1.6 g/l
pH: 2.95