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## **The Donum Estate Releases Inaugural Blanc de Blancs to Commemorate 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** *Acclaimed Carneros Estate Winery Announces First Single-Vineyard Sparkling Wine Complementing Respected Portfolio*

SONOMA, California (April 20, 2021) – [The Donum Estate](#), a leader in single-vineyard, single-appellation Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from some of the most celebrated regions in Northern California, today announced the release of its inaugural [2016 Donum Blanc de Blancs](#). This vibrant sparkling wine is made from Donum’s Carneros Estate old-vine Chardonnay, offering a richness and finesse that’s finely articulated with an elegant, bright structure. An exclusive bottling four years in the making, this exceptional Blanc de Blancs was first released to Donum Members before the offering was made public.



Donum’s 2016 Blanc de Blancs release was timed to coincide with the launch of the newly redesigned Donum Home. Originally designed by Matt Hollis of [MH Architects](#), the Donum Home has been reimaged by award-winning Danish architect and designer David Thulstrup, and is set to reopen in May 2021 with enhanced and contemporary tasting experiences.

“I love Blanc de Blancs produced in the traditional method and am excited to add this beautiful sparkling wine to our portfolio,” says Dan Fishman, Donum Vice President of Winemaking and Vineyards. “In order to capture the natural acidity needed for sparkling wine, the fruit for the Blanc de Blancs was harvested three weeks earlier than for our still Chardonnay, making this a truly unique way to experience our incredible estate terroir.”

Rich, golden straw in color, the wine reveals fine, vigorous bubbles and aromas of green apple and baked lemon, accompanied by subtle notes of sweet caramel or dulce de leche. The palate shows an intriguing mix of spice and flint notes, along with golden delicious apple, lime, and bread yeast. The fine mousse carries these fresh, vibrant flavors through an intense, concentrated finish.

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After the second fermentation in bottle, Dan aged the wine for over three years on the lees to develop depth and richness. At disgorgement, the dosage was just two grams per liter of sugar in order to maintain the minerality and focus of the wine.

Featured on the Donum's inaugural Blanc de Blancs label is Subodh Gupta's *People Tree*, a 10-meter-high stainless-steel banyan tree using utensils as leaves. This striking sculpture is located high on a hill on the Donum Estate property with stunning views of the Carneros ranch. Gupta is currently regarded as one of the most successful contemporary Indian artists and has contributed to multiple works of art within The Donum Collection, which brings together a global community of artists, including works from leading practitioners from 18 nations, across six continents including Ai Weiwei, Ghada Amer, Doug Aitken, Lynda Benglis, Louise Bourgeois, and Keith Haring. For more information and to book a tasting experience, please visit [www.thedonumestate.com](http://www.thedonumestate.com). Follow us on Instagram [@DonumEstate](https://www.instagram.com/DonumEstate) and Facebook [www.facebook.com/donumestate](https://www.facebook.com/donumestate) and join our conversation using #TheDonumEstate.

## About Donum

Donum is a leader in single-vineyard, single-appellation Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Northern California. Celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year with an inaugural Blanc de Blancs, Donum's terroir-driven wines reflect the energy and complexity of some of most celebrated regions in Northern California including the Russian River Valley, Carneros and Anderson Valley. Founded in 2001, the Donum Estate is located in the acclaimed wine region Carneros nestled between Napa and Sonoma Counties. Donum includes a state-of-the-art winemaking facility, an organic farm, contemporary hospitality experience and The Donum Collection, one of the largest accessible private sculpture collections in the world. More than 50 monumental, open-air sculptures live harmoniously among the Donum Estate landscape and vineyards. Dotted throughout, each piece plays with scale, nature, and imagination. This evolving collection brings together a global community of artists, including works from leading practitioners from 18 nations, across six continents including Ai Weiwei, Ghada Amer, Doug Aitken, Lynda Benglis, Louise Bourgeois, Keith Haring and Subodh Gupta. Donum brings to life a delicate balance among wine, land and art that has made it an international destination. For the past two decades, sustainability has been at the forefront of the Donum Estate vision—Donum, in fact, is Latin for *Gift of the land*. Its biodynamic and organic farming practices create environments in which the vines can thrive and produce the highest-quality fruit as possible. Learn more at <https://www.thedonumestate.com>.

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