



PONO Wines

Special Feature

2018 Ali'i Sparkling Wine *Blanc de Noir* Carneros, Napa Valley

To all Hawaiians, *pono* is a way of life. It's also a commitment to leaving all things in a better place than when first encountered and additionally, *pono* is understanding and appreciating that life can be both simple and complex.

Dave Sedeno is a native Hawaiian (from the island of Oahu) who has pursued a career in the wine industry on a part-time basis for more than two decades. During that time, he worked with numerous wineries and winemakers and developed a deep passion for the grand grape phenomenon. He credits such luminaries as Norm Kiken of the much-admired Reverie Winery and Vineyard on Diamond Mountain (Napa Valley) and Steve Reynolds of the Reynolds Family Winery (also Napa Valley) as mentors throughout his career.



After an occupation as a firefighter that spanned thirty-five years, Sedeno decided a change of lifestyle was in store. He had formerly worked part time in wine sales and marketing and the wine industry beckoned to him. In 2015, Dave had the opportunity to make his own wine, and he jumped at the chance. Starting out with just 50 cases of a 'Hoku' White Blend and 50 cases of a Red Blend named 'Hapa,' Dave has grown Pono Wines to its present portfolio of five labels including the Mana Cabernet Sauvignon, Aina Pinot Noir, and now, his first Sparkling Wine with the 2018 Ali'i Blanc de Noir.

For the Ali'i Blanc de Noir, Dave Sedeno worked with renowned sparkling winemaker Sandrine Bourcier who previously made world-class sparkling wines in France and Canada.

Dave Sedeno has crafted a fantastic portfolio of small-lot wines from premium Napa Valley vineyards for Pono Wines. Made with inspiration from Hawaii and with a search for balance and connection, Pono wines are timeless, rich in flavor, and filled with a sense of adventure - perfectly *pono*. Enjoy!

132 Cases
Produced



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Accolades & Tasting Notes

94 POINTS

- Todd Jolly, CSW Certified Sommelier, Sonoma's Best

Cheers! We are pleased to offer our members this award-winning sparkling wine from Napa Valley's esteemed Pono Wines. Crafted from 100% Pinot Noir, this lively and bubbly Blanc de Noir comes from the famed Thompson Vineyard in the Carneros-Napa Valley AVA. The Thompson family has been farming the land for more than 80 years, and the fruit is among the most desirable in the region. Pono's 2018 Ali'i Blanc de Noir (*Ali'i* in Hawaiian means 'Royalty, for the King or Queen') offers aromas of bright strawberries, wild raspberries and canteloupe. The vibrant and spritzy palate beautifully complements the fresh nose with its core of well-balanced lemon fruit flavors that continues to draw you in for more. Pono's Ali'i Sparkling Wine is the perfect choice for any celebration or serendipitous event. Enjoy!

