## Stratus Blanc De Blancs

This Blanc de Blancs, Méthode Traditionnelle sparkling wine is made from 100% estate-grown Chardonnay and aged on lees for six years before disgorgement.

The label mirrors the mural "Constellation Series" by Canadian artist Richard Halliday that graces the Stratus tasting room.

## **GROWING CONDITIONS**

Defined by highly variable weather, 2021 was unpredictable from start to finish. The year started with warmer than average, January temperatures. Spring settled into predictably seasonal temperatures and generally dry conditions – a great start to the growing season. As the summer progressed, hot and dry conditions prevailed. Despite unexpected scattered rain and severe thunderstorms at the end of the month, extreme heat and drought were the predominant challenges faced in August. Unstable weather in the fall presented challenging harvest conditions. Rain and humidity at inopportune times required a strategic approach to picking grapes at their peak. Many of the red varieties were harvested at the tail end of November and in early December.