



ILLINOIS SPARKLING CO.TM

PERFECTING
THE BUBBLETM

WE BUBBLE BECAUSE ...

It's our belief. Everyday events become special moments when family and friends share the perfect bubble. We hand-blend each ISC sparkling wine with patience and finesse, crafting its unique personality for an exceptional drinking experience.

WHEN FAMILY LAND MEETS A FASCINATION

ISC wines are passionately created on a quiet hillside overlooking the Illinois River. Co-owners Mark and Teri Wenzel founded ISC in 2011. While developing wines for August Hill Winery, Mark realized that the grapes in their vineyard were high in acid and low in tannins, similar to those in the French Champagne region (which resembles their Illinois land in climate and geography). In 2007, Mark immersed himself in learning the Traditional Champagne Method from the masters. Though ISC's grapes are not the same varieties used in Champagne, the winemaking method is the same. This combination creates a truly unique sparkling wine. Mark oversees this entire intense process—from partnering with the very best growers in Illinois, to meticulously blending and tasting (and tasting, and tasting) our cuvees until he is perfectly satisfied.

MADE IN THE TRADITIONAL METHOD

For centuries, the Traditional Method has been the only way to make the best sparkling wine. The attention to detail involved in Traditional Method is unmatched in other wine-making methods. Each bottle of ISC bubbly is personally handled from beginning to end. Although more time-consuming and labor-intensive, when it comes to quality, we wouldn't have it any other way.

TESTIMONIAL

“Mark has taken an incredibly bold step with ISC. Making sparkling wine in the Midwest is brave in and of itself, but to invest in a bottle-fermented operation using non-traditional and hybrid varietals is a serious, serious endeavor. The gamble has paid off for him and his team however, as the wines are simply exceptional and, more importantly, ripe with individual personality. It’s kind of my job to look for flaws in sparkling wines, and I’ve yet to find any here. The ‘cool’ factor is way up there with these, among some of the most unique and well-crafted sparklers you’ll find here or anywhere else.”

—W. Craig Cooper, Beverage Director, Pops for Champagne, Chicago

