

2020

# SILHOUETTE DU COEUR

Heart Hill Vineyard

72% Grenache Blanc, 19% Marsanne, 9% Roussanne



## VINEYARD

The 2020 vintage was unforgettable. For the first half of the growing season our vineyards were an escape from the rest of the world with well-timed rains in the spring, no frost events and moderate to cool temperatures through July. However, conditions changed dramatically in August and September with two separate weeks of record-breaking heat which accelerated ripening. In addition, fires to the north and south of us brought periods of smoke exposure. Throughout all the chaos, our Grenache Blanc, Marsanne and Roussanne did remarkably well. The Grenache Blanc in particular fared well as its full canopies protected it from the late summer heat. We harvested all three blocks between September 4th and September 26th.

## WINEMAKING

We hand-sorted, destemmed and gravity-fed the grapes into a combination of puncheons and standard 225L barrels. We fermented each varietal separately in order to preserve their unique characteristics. We then composed the blend and aged it for 18 months in an 800-gallon foudre. The final blend features 72% Grenache Blanc, a varietal we have grown to love at Heart Hill for its acidity and citrusy freshness. 19% Marsanne adds texture, and 9% Roussanne adds aromatics and roundness with apricot and melon flavors.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	Field Select, 468, 547
VINEYARD	Heart Hill Vineyard
AVERAGE BRIX	24.9
pH/TA	3.4/5.2 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.2%
AVERAGE YIELD	3.8 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	16 months
COOPERAGE	20% new French Oak