

2021
**RESERVE
GRENACHE BLANC**

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

100% Grenache Blanc



VINEYARD

We farm a single block of Grenache Blanc at Heart Hill Vineyard. It sits at the lowest point of the vineyard and is susceptible to frost damage in cold years. The 2021 vintage was exceptional for Grenache Blanc. The growing season was long, dry and cool, but never cold enough to cause frost damage. The extended growing season allowed the fruit to hang on the vine longer and slowly reach optimal ripeness. We harvested our Grenache Blanc on October 2nd and the fruit that came in was exceptional and worthy of a reserve bottling.

WINEMAKING

After harvesting the grapes, we whole cluster pressed and fermented them in French oak puncheons. We used a combination of yeast strains to preserve freshness and highlight honey, citrus and tropical fruit characteristics in the wine. After fermentation we transferred the wine into an 800-gallon foudre to age for 10 months before bottling in August of 2022. The result is a rich, evolved wine. A clean minerality is balanced by richer flavors of mandarin, honey and toasted graham cracker.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	Field Select
BLOCKS	HH1
AVERAGE BRIX	25.5°
pH/TA	3.3/6.3 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.9%
AVERAGE YIELD	3.5 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	10 months
COOPERAGE	25% new French Oak