



HILL FAMILY
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2020 “Tiara” Sauvignon Blanc

Production: 250 cases

Composition: 94% Sauvignon Blanc and 6% Sémillon

Appellation: Napa Valley

Vineyards: Windy Flats, Stewart Ranch and Watson

Elevation: 800 - 1,200 ft. in elevation

Cooperage: (20%) 2020 Acacia Billon, (20%) 2019 Acacia Billon, (20%) 2019 Nadalier Perle Blanche, (25%) stainless steel barrels and the remainder in 2018 Francois Freres neutral oak.

Alcohol: 14.3%, TA 7.2, pH 3.32

Bottling date: March 24, 2021

Release date: September 2022

Release price: \$38.00

2020 was a very nice growing year with a few hot spells and sparse winter rains, when suddenly on August 16 during another hot spell and offshore winds, the LCNU fires started. Because of all the hot weather, maturity was ahead by about 10 days and the Sauvignon Blancs were on the picking schedule. We harvested on August 17 (Stewart Ranch) and August 22 (Windy Flats). The fruit from Stewart Ranch was fermented cold in stainless steel, and the fruit from Windy Flats was barrel fermented in the cold chai. It was apparent early on that these were extraordinary Sauvignon Blancs, and all we had to do was stay out of their way as they evolved. We made the blend for Tiara in early February and put it back to barrel before bottling in late March.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:

The 2020 Tiara has big aromas of ripe apple, buttery pineapple, fresh fig and hints of jasmine and iris. The palate offers a lovely ripe satiny texture. Peach, pineapple and vanilla open in the center, and lead to a lingering coconut pineapple finish.