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2021 “Tiara” Sauvignon Blanc

Production: 344 cases

Composition: 95% Sauvignon Blanc and 5% Sémillon

Appellation: Napa Valley

Vineyards: Windy Flats and Watson

Elevation: 800 - 1,200 ft. in elevation

Cooperage: 20% 2020 Acacia Billion, 20% 2019 Acacia Billion, 20% 2019 Nadalier Perle Blanche, 20% stainless steel barrels and the remainder in 2018 Francois Freres

Alcohol: 14.3%, TA 7.2, pH 3.32

Bottling date: April 13, 2022

Release date: Fall 2023

Release price: \$40.00

2021 was a normal growing year with a few hot spells and sparse winter rains. Bud break was fairly normal, but bloom was a little early and veraison was around July 22. Harvest on the Musque Clone and the Italian clone was on August 20, at 24.5 Brix, with Block 4 following 4 days later at 23 Brix. We whole cluster pressed and settled thoroughly, then cold fermented with VL3 yeast in a stainless-steel tank, before the wine was racked to 2 and 3 year old French oak barrels and to 1/3 stainless steel barrels. The aromatic nature of the Tiara blend was apparent early on, and all we had to do was stay out of its way as it evolved. We pulled the wine out of barrel in early April for a light fining, and then bottled on April 13, 2022.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:

The 2021 Tiara has beautiful aromas of white peach and old-fashioned flowers like stock, phlox and tuberose. The wine is full bodied, yet refreshing, with white peach, honeydew and musque characters all on full display. The wine finishes crisp and balanced.