



## 2023 Barrel Blend White Wine

**Production:** 969 cases

**Composition:** 61% Chardonnay, 15% Albarino, 14% Sauvignon Blanc, 5% Muscat Canelli, 3% Viognier and 2% Semillon

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Cooperage:** 9 months in 62% in neutral French oak barrels and 38% in stainless steel barrels.

**Alcohol:** 14.58%, TA 7.0, pH 3.43

**Bottling date:** July 17, 2024

**Release date:** July 2024

**Release price:** \$25.00

2023 marks the inaugural production of a white wine produced under the Barrel Blend label, which is in the Hill Family Estate portfolio of wines. With bounteous crops and excellent weather, we were able to preserve the acidity and freshness of our white varieties. During blending sessions this combination came out a winner, pleasing everyone with the zippy acidity of the Albarino and the rich fruit from our Chardonnay sites. Lovely aromatics from Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat Canelli, Viognier, and Semillon completed the blend and made it worthy of the surfing talent of Moana Jones Wong, who is featured on the label riding an epic wave at the famed Pipeline surf break in Oahu!

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:**

The 2023 Barrel Blend has beautiful aromas of apricot, pear, honeysuckle and orange meringue pie. On the palate, an initial roundness is balanced by natural acidity along with a hint of oak that merges with flavors of stone fruit and apple. The multiple layers, intriguing character and long finish has this wine screaming to be paired with Thai food, grilled chicken or fish tacos.