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GRENACHE BLANC

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GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY UNTI VINEYARDS

HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA ALCOHOL 13.4% BY VOLUME

H A R V E S T E D :

OCT. 3, 2023

A G I N G :

STAINLESS STEEL AND CONCRETE
TANKS

B R I X A V G :

21.9

B O T T L E D :

4 / 1 7 / 2 0 2 4

B L E N D :

100% GRENACHE BLANC

C A S E S P R O D U C E D :

110

ACIDITY: 7.2 g/L

p H : 3.26

ALCOHOL: 13.4%

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VARIETAL/VINEYARD: We have been growing Grenache Blanc since 2004, and now have almost 2 acres planted. Grenache Blanc is one of the key components to Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc and the white wine from Spain's Priorat and Terra Alta. Since it is a genetic mutation of Grenache Noir, it tends to show more texture and body than most white wines. In Dry Creek Valley, with our cooler nighttime temperatures, Grenache Blanc retains brighter acidity than in Europe.

VINTAGE: 2023 was the one of the latest harvests we've experienced in 25 years. Late bud-break and moderate weather through the entire growing season resulted in intense fruit flavors that come with racy acidity. The 2023 features the darker, golden hue that some previous vintages have showed, however the vintages' cooler temperatures still produced our highest acid white.

WINEMAKING: The grapes are de-stemmed, pressed, and sent to a tank where the juice is allowed to settle for 24 hours prior to fermentation. We ferment our Grenache Blanc in stainless steel tanks at temperatures below 70 degrees to retain bright aromas. The wine is then aged in concrete tanks, which offer some of the oxidative benefits of oak without imparting wood flavor. We prevented this wine from going through malolactic fermentation, thereby preserving the bright natural acidity in this steely white.

STYLE/DESCRIPTION: As you would expect, Grenache Blanc is our most full bodied white. What isn't typical of the variety is that it is consistently our highest acid white - giving it the steely personality of a French Chablis, but with more fruit. The 2023 has a bit deeper color than in 2022, but don't be fooled, this is no "orange wine." It has bright green apple and spice aromas and flavors with racy acidity. We are definitely on the higher acid end of the Grenache Blanc spectrum, and I love it. - MU