

2021 Sauvignon Blanc "Catacula Vineyard"

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Appellation

Napa Valley

Vineyard

Catacula Vineyard - Named for the historic Rancho Catacula, originally planted in the late 1800s; East facing hillside terraces at 1,200 to 1,400 feet in elevation; Surrounded by Madrone groves and blanketed by the morning fog; 1.71 acres, 1651 vines

Soil

Red Chert veined with Green Serpentine, our namesake soils, intermixed with Sobrante Loam

Harvest

Hand-picked August 11th thru August 17th

Vinification

100% whole cluster pressed Sauvignon Blanc Musqué clone. The juice was fermented in a combination of approximately half stainless steel and half neutral oak barrels, using just ONE new Tonnellerie Ermitage French oak barrel. Made in a style that maintains its acidity and freshness.

Production

251 cases bottled in May 2021

Tasting Comments

Vinified from a Musqué clone of Sauvignon Blanc, it's made in a style that maintains its acidity and freshness, displaying citrus, lychee, and flint, with a welcome touch of macadamia showcasing its time spent on the lees.

Alcohol 13.9% TA 7.49 g/L pH 3.17

Recommended Retail Price: \$26/bottle

On our label is "The Dionysus Cup," an ancient Grecian cup crafted by Exekias in 530 BC, which depicts Homer's "Hymn to Dionysus." Homer tells the story of pirates, cruising along the Aegean, who spot a strapping man and decide to take him hostage. The Helmsman warns them off, but the captain heads out to sea with their captive: Dionysus, the God of Wine. Soon "wine sprang forth, babbling, bubbling over the speedy black ship: it was sweet, it was fragrant, the odor was divine." The sea turned wine red and vines grew up the mast. Dionysius turns into a lion and attacks the captain; the other pirates dive over the edge, where they are turned into dolphins.