

## 2022 Vogelzang Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc

Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara

After 22 years as the premier producer of Happy Canyon Sauvignon Blanc we are back to where we began with the production of small lots of vineyard specific wines. We firmly believe this very special region of Santa Barbara County produces world-class wines. The high mineral (low nutrient) soils of the Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara AVA automatically put this wine into a special category. The tremendous diurnal temperature swings (lowest lows to the highest highs and back to the lowest lows in one day) along with reductive winemaking, bâtonnage, results in mineral quality, a textured palate and savoriness. Additionally, an ability to age for ten to twenty years. The stunning Vogelzang Vineyard is once again part of the repertoire and rightly so. We selected four barrels to make this Single-Vineyard lot and aged them a little bit longer to shine alone. This is a classic expression of Sauvignon Blanc from an extraordinary place.

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had ideal growing conditions for most of the year and mild summer temperatures until an extended Labor Day heat wave hit. We were ready and harvested most of the early ripening varietals before and right at the beginning of the heat. Of course, that was followed by rain but after that the weather was mild, and we had a long timeframe for the remainder of harvest in which to carefully pick for optimal flavors. Yields were slightly below average.

**Maturation:** Aged entirely in barrel for 8 months with bâtonnage (lees stirring) and kept in our very cold cellar. Aged in a mixture of new, one-year old and neutral "cigar pipe" French oak Ermitage barrels.

Color: Bright, shiny white gold.

**Aroma:** A vibrant and complex collection of minerals, yellow grapefruit and yellow/orange citrus blossom, green and yellow herbs, flint and hints of toast and freshly cut grass.

**Palate:** Full in flavor and mouth-watering citrus combine with a depth and concentration not typically found in most Sauvignon Blancs. Yellow and green citrus and stone fruits balanced and perfectly weighted. Serious delicious, smooth and impressive.



## 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Alcohol 13.6% pH 3.46 TA 6.2 g/L Production 124 cases