



MARGERUM

2022 McGinley Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc

Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara



100% Sauvignon Blanc

Alcohol 12.6%

pH 3.47

TA 6.6 g/L

Production 152 cases

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 bottlings. 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 original desire to produce Sauvignon Blanc began at McGinley Vineyards. Ben Merz took me to Block 2A, which is a peninsula that narrows to the south. This block is perfectly positioned to the sun and has been the core and soul of our Sauvignon Blanc production for the last 22 years.

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) in our very cold cellar. Aged in a mixture of new, one-year old and neutral “cigar pipe” French oak Ermitage barrels.

Color: Light yellow straw, vibrant and clear.

Aroma: Exotic orange and white fruit, marula fruit, touch of grass, with juicy fruit gum.

Palate: Rich, full-bodied, concentrated, vibrant and strong middle palate. Exemplary example of Sauvignon Blanc from a special section of old vines.

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