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Clairette Blanche № 2022

About Our Clairette Blanche: Our journey with Clairette Blanche began unexpectedly when our friends at Nolan Ranch offered us some grapes during harvest season. Despite being unfamiliar with this white grape variety that has a long history in the Rhône Valley of France, we were intrigued and decided to give it a try. While Clairette Blanche is rare in California, it can be found on a few sites, including the scenic Alisos Canyon in the Santa Ynez Valley where Nolan Ranch is located. This vineyard's unique microclimate, influenced by the Pacific Ocean and the Santa Ynez River, results in cooler temperatures and ocean breezes that affect the flavor and aroma profile of the wine.

Our Clairette Blanche grapes were harvested later than usual, resulting in a riper version of the wine. The wine displays similar floral and fruity aromas as Viognier, but with its own unique characteristics. On the nose, it offers notes of ripe peach, apricot, and lemon zest, along with a subtle hint of minerality. The wine has a bright and aromatic profile with floral notes of honeysuckle, white flowers, and citrus blossoms. On the palate, it's marked by flavors of green apple, lime, and grapefruit, with a crisp and refreshing acidity that makes it a perfect pairing for warm weather and outdoor dining.

Overall, our Clairette Blanche from Nolan Ranch is a true expression of the unique terroir and microclimate of the Santa Ynez Valley. It's a light and refreshing white wine that offers a delightful sensory experience to any wine lover.

Tasting Notes : Our Clairette Blanche from Nolan Ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley is a pale yellow wine with green reflections, exhibiting a luminous and transparent appearance. On the nose, the wine reveals delightful aromas of ripe peach, apricot, and lemon zest, evoking a bright and fruity bouquet that's heightened by subtle hints of minerality. Its aromatic profile is further enhanced by floral notes of honeysuckle, white flowers, and citrus blossoms, offering a captivating sensory experience. On the palate, the wine showcases a lively and refreshing acidity that's balanced with a medium-light body, making it perfect for warm weather and outdoor dining.

ABV : 13.5%

AVA : Alisos Canyon

Total Production : 112 cases