

GLEN GARVALD

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2023 GLEN GARVALD PB WHITE BLEND No.1



Vintage	2023
Varietal blend	55% Marsanne : 26% Grenache Blanc : 19% Roussanne
Harvest date(s)	4 April (Marsanne & Roussanne); 7 April (Grenache Blanc)
Bottling date	28 February 2024
Oak Treatment	Grenache Blanc fermented and aged in a mix of a single concrete tulip, aged French oak and stainless steel. 100% French Oak (0% new) for barrel fermentation and ageing on lees on Marsanne and Roussanne
Alcohol content	13.0%
Analysis	<0.5 g/litre R.S.; 3.67 pH; 5.2 g/L TA
Preservative	Sulphur dioxide (Preservative 220)
Ageing potential	10+ years
Winemaking	Fruit was hand-picked and hand-sorted then either whole-bunch pressed or crushed direct to press. Cloudy juice was racked to concrete tulip or oak for fermentation via a succession of wild and inoculated yeast. A select volume was encouraged to complete 100% malolactic fermentation. Components/varieties were matured individually on lees deposits for c. 10 months with minimal stirring prior to blending.
Winemaker's notes	<p>The concept of blending complementary and compatible grape varieties to create a wine of amplified expression, structure, integration and balance, harnessing each components' individual strengths to fashion a wine greater than the sum of its manifold components, has long held a fascination for us as wine producers. Taking its lead from the estimable blends of the southern Rhône Valley, built around a foundation of Grenache Blanc, we seek to find a vintage-specific synergy from a harmonious blend resulting in a wine expression beyond the limited range afforded to the singular grape varieties when bottled in isolation.</p> <p>Aromas: nectarine, quince, salted capers, Thai basil, jasmine, cape gooseberry, lemon zest and petrichor. Palate: guava, ripe papaya, crème anglaise, brine, tarragon & flint. Weighted and moreish tactile phenolics help draw the palate to a long finish. A true food and cheese lover's wine!</p>