



WINEMAKER NOTES

"The barrel-fermented 2020 Clairette Watch Hill Vineyard opens with exotic tones of guava, grilled peaches and citrus blossom, with honeyed undertones. The palate is silky and lifted, with a saline and nutty character driving the finish. It will benefit from another year or two in bottle." -Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

WINEMAKING

Cases:	82
Appellation:	Alisos Canyon AVA
Varietal composition:	100% Clairette Blanche
Clonal selection:	Clone 4
Soil at site:	Sand/Loam/Clay
Whole Cluster:	Whole cluster direct to press
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 6 months
Alcohol:	12.5%
Brix:	19.7
pH at harvest:	3.42
Finished pH:	3.65
Finished TA:	5.1g/L
Harvest date:	9/15/2020
Bottling date:	March 2021
Release date:	June 2022

2020 VINTAGE

2020 was a whirlwind harvest in a less-than-normal year. Fruit came in relatively early due to a warm summer, but fruit quality was incredibly high. With decent rainfall, vines were healthy and a warm spring helped usher in a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in late August. A bit of heat at the beginning of harvest kicked things off with a bang, but moderate temperatures throughout the fall kept Rhônes on the vine a little longer. The 2020 wines show good flavor concentration and depth, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

ALISOS CANYON AVA

Alisos Canyon AVA is the newest AVA in Santa Barbara County, receiving the special designation in 2020. The AVA is located approximately 25 miles from the Pacific Ocean just east of Los Alamos and is situated in a transitional region, between the cooler coastal regions and the warmer inland areas. The soils of sandstone, shale, chalky soils & flint rocks combined with the marine influence that rolls in via San Antonio creek, make this an intriguing location for grape growing.

ACCOLADES

Wine Enthusiast - 92 points
points *Clean and crisp aromas of lemon blossom, light coconut, citrus peel and cantaloupe make for a very fascinating nose on this bottling. A chalky, crushed sea-shell texture clings to the palate, delivering light flavors of lemon candy, tight peach and green melon.* - Matt Kettmann

Wine Advocate - 91 points, Erin Brooks