



WINEMAKER NOTES

Close your eyes and picture a sunny day, a plate of oysters on the half shell in front of you... this is the wine in your glass. Our 2024 Clairette from Watch Hill Vineyard is steeped in minerality, evoking chalk and crushed oyster shells. Vibrant stone fruit flavors—nectarine and peach—shine alongside delicate floral notes of citrus and almond blossom, with a subtle hint of white pepper spice. Bright and fresh, yet backed by a serious structure, this wine strikes the perfect balance between playfulness and complexity.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	53
Appellation:	Alisos Canyon AVA
Varietal composition:	100% Clairette Blanche
Vineyard selection:	100% Watch Hill Vineyard
Clonal selection:	Clone 4
Soil at Site:	Sand/loam/clay
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 5 months
Alcohol:	12.7%
Brix:	20.9
pH at harvest:	3.32
Finished pH:	3.3
Finished TA:	6.3 g/L
Harvest date:	9/25/2024
Bottling date:	2/21/2025
Release date:	Spring 2025

2024 VINTAGE

The 2024 growing season was marked by a wet start, with rainfall by March equaling the annual average. This led to a late bud break and ultimately delayed harvest dates. Despite the slow start, the low crop levels allowed the fruit to ripen at a normal pace, mitigating concerns about a late harvest. Yields were down approximately 30% on average, though some vineyards fared better than others. While extremely low yields are not always ideal, 2024 struck a fine balance—just slightly below normal—creating optimal conditions for high-quality wines. The wines from this vintage are proving to be serious, complex, and well-balanced, reflecting the cool growing season and concentrated fruit. 2024 will be remembered as an exceptional year for wine.

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.

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