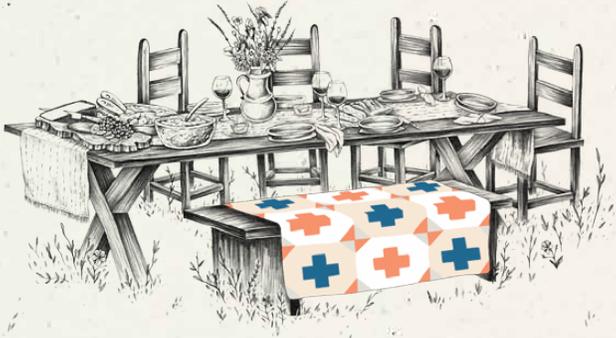


CANAS FEAST



2021.

VASO BIANCO
WILLAMETTE VALLEY AVA

ANDREAS VINEYARD

TECHNICAL NOTES

AVA: Willamette Valley

HARVEST: October 5th

COOPERAGE: Six months in stainless steel and clay amphora (22%)

PH: 3.39

ALCOHOL: 13.1%

BOTTLED: April 2022

AGING: Drink now

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Summer Salads, Grilled
White Fish, and Semi-Soft
Mild Cheeses



VINEYARD NOTES

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PLANTED: 1993

ACREAGE: 29 Acres

ELEVATION: 650 ft.

SOIL SERIES: Bellpine and

Willakenzie, shallow sedimentary soils

COMPOSITION

Pinot Grigio (54%)

Chardonnay (31%)

Traminer (12%)

Moscato (3%)

VINTAGE TRENDS

A warm and dry winter ushered in a cooler and drier than normal spring. The early spring cool spell was followed by rains at the beginning of June, which preceded a record multi-day heat wave at the end of the month. The remainder of the growing season trended warmer, breaking records once again. Harvest began early and with a vengeance, seeing us pick almost every day until the beginning of October, when cooler weather slowed physiological development. This abatement in heat allowed for more gradual sugar accumulation and flavor development, awarding an opportunity for the phenolic compounds to show more complexity in the later-ripening varieties -- this created very balanced acid to-sugar-ratios. Overall, yields were dramatically below the 30-year mean and berries were strikingly smaller than the norm. The upside to diminished berry size was that the quality, color, and flavors of the fruit - across the board - were quite exceptional.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Often overlooked when discussing classic white wines of Italy, Gewürztraminer and Chardonnay are the 2nd and 3rd most planted wine-grape varieties in Northern Italy's Alto-Adige region (exceeded only by Pinot Grigio). Given that Trentino Alto-Adige experiences significantly more cultural influence from continental Europe than Italy's central and southern provinces, it's no surprise that the long history of German, French, and Austrian integration have birthed a region that beautifully intermingles winemaking and viticulture practices in this politically "semi-autonomous" region.

The classic "Dolomiti Bianco" wines capture Alto Adige's perfect environment for cool climate varieties that yield whites with well-defined acidity. These nervy and flavorful wines inspired us to create our Vaso Bianco blend. It was important for us to create a wine that could exhibit ample acidity, without being too lean. The stainless steel fermented Pinot Grigio provides fruity structure and intensity while the clay amphorae fermented Chardonnay lends minerality and subtle earth notes. A second "malolactic" fermentation of the Chardonnay adds texture, and mid-palate weight, providing a rich, creamy mouthfeel. Hints of Traminer (Gewürztraminer's Italian moniker) and Moscato contribute intriguing spices and floral elements, imparting a lovely complexity that is elemental to this white blend.

TASTING NOTES

Abundant aromas of apricot and muskmelon precede notes of vernal white flowers. Flavors of grapefruit, brioche, and mineral nuances pass in a subtle but steady procession. Creamy and soft up front, a nervy/crisp backbone parallels the long, full mid-palate and extended finish.



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