

Intention

EARLY MOUNTAIN

2020

WINE DESCRIPTION

This wine is both one of our smallest productions and one of our most loved. This unique and cherished blend is a unique take on Petit Manseng and Sauvignon Blanc, capturing the essence of our estate vineyard and inspired by the longevity and complexity of white Bordeaux. This wine harmonizes the robust structure and vibrant acidity of Petit Manseng with the enticing aromas of Sauvignon Blanc. Expect a rich bouquet of warm brioche, grilled tropical fruits, and savory herbs, complemented by Sauvignon Blanc's lively citrus and white floral notes. The palate is a powerful yet precise dance of ripe fruits and a savory, textured middle, elongated by a pronounced acidity that ensures a lasting, memorable finish.

WINEMAKER NOTE

Inspired by white Bordeaux, there are some similarities to the long-lived white Bordeaux blends, such as using Sauvignon Blanc, new wood, and bottle aging. We look to co-fermentation as a way to weave the acid, power, and structure of Petit Manseng with the aromas of Sauvignon Blanc. The aromatics highlight the warm, brioche character of the extended lees contact with grilled tropical fruits and savory herbs. The Sauvignon Blanc's preserved citrus and white flower attributes add great dynamics to the nose, resulting in an ever-evolving wine. The palate is powerful yet precise, with rich, ripe fruit and a savory, almost salty, and textured middle that is lengthened by pronounced acidity carrying through the finish.

WINEMAKER

Maya Hood White

IN THE VINEYARD

The first half of the growing season was relatively dry and quite hot in June and July. Late July and early August brought a lot of moisture, which was challenging, but things dried out a bit heading into harvest. We danced with the Atlantic as tropical systems waltzed through every ten days for two months. Once again, we were lucky to be spared the worst of the weather, and we emerged at the end of harvest with a cellar full of high-quality 2020 wines. In the spirit of every vintage being different than every other in our state, 2020 was unique in that the first half produced lighter wines with high acid, and the second half brought riper, more classic wines.

COMPOSITION

52% Petit Manseng
48% Sauvignon Blanc



VINEYARD

Early Mountain Vineyard
Honah Lee Vineyard
Northgate Vineyard

AGING

Aged on the lees for 12 months
in northern European oak
barrels, 50% one-year wood.
Aged an additional 16 months
in stainless steel barrels for a
total of 28 months on lees.

CELLARING

We expect it to drink best
between 2026 and 2032.

TECHNICAL

Cases produced: 60
Bottled: 17 February, 2023
Yeast: Ambient
Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.38
TA: 5.7 g/L
RS: 1.3 g/L