



2021 SOLILOQUY NAPA VALLEY

WINEMAKER NOTES

From the outstanding 2021 vintage, our Flora Springs Soliloquy is the continuation of a remarkable journey that began in 1989. Noting the unique character of a small block of Sauvignon Blanc from our Crossroads Vineyard in the Oakville AVA, we fermented and bottled it separately as our first Soliloquy white wine. Our hunch that there was something exceptional about these Sauvignon Blanc vines was confirmed shortly thereafter, when UC Davis certified Soliloquy as a singular clone entirely unique to Flora Springs...and when critics responded enthusiastically to the wine. But our journey took a turn in the 1990s when our vines became diseased and the clone nearly went extinct. Determined to save this piece of Napa Valley history, our family spent the next eight years in a quest to preserve the Soliloquy clone, growing new plant material in a lab, propagating a few dozen vines in a nursery, and replicating them in the vineyard.

With the new vines established, General Manager Nat Komes took Soliloquy on as a personal project, conducting numerous blending trials over a several year period to re-create the Soliloquy wine he remembered from its earliest vintages. Experimenting with different yeast strains, fermentation regimes, aging vessels and varietal compositions yielded the wine Nat knew from taste memory, and today, Soliloquy represents our quest to create the finest white wine we have ever made.

Our 2021 Soliloquy was grown in the well-drained H block of our Crossroads Vineyard, where vineyard practices include aggressive vine and cluster management to ensure an ideal balance of fruit to green growth. Whole cluster pressing and seven months of aging in seasoned French oak barrels yielded a beautifully balanced and multi-layered blend of white varietals that offers well-rounded flavors of grapefruit, Meyer lemon, yellow peach and spice. At 73% of the blend, Sauvignon Blanc anchors the wine with bold flavors and zesty acidity, while the Chardonnay brings a creamy mouthfeel and notes of ripe pear and apple. Malvasia gives the wine its alluring notes of citrus flower and jasmine. This is a delicious rendering of Soliloquy from an extraordinary vintage, an age-worthy white that can carry its own with a robust meal and a worthy companion to our proprietary red wine, Trilogy.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation: *Napa Valley*

Varietal: *73% Sauvignon Blanc; 12% Chardonnay; 15% Malvasia*

Cases Produced: *605*

Aging: *7 months in French oak barrels*

Suggested Retail Price: *\$60*

Enjoyability: *Enjoy now through 2027*

ON THE VINE

The 2021 vintage in Napa Valley will be remembered for a smooth, uneventful growing season and harvest that produced low yields of intensely flavored, small-sized grape clusters. The season started off with very little rain and continued as a dry, sunny summer led to a relatively cool fall with weeks of lovely weather. 2021 represented the second drought year in a row, and while concerning in the long term, the dry weather resulted in a more natural crop load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes were packed full of flavor leading to powerful, concentrated wines.