



“Soliloquy is Flora Springs’ love letter from the Napa Valley. Composed from the one and only Soliloquy clone, first identified in our family’s vineyards in 1989, this white wine blend arises from a multi-generational commitment to sustainable farming and the pursuit of a wine that flows with true individual spirit.”

– Nat Komes, General Manager



2022 SOLILOQUY NAPA VALLEY

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2022 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 2022 Soliloquy was grown in the well-drained H block of our Crossroads Vineyard, where vineyard practices include aggressive canopy and cluster management to ensure an ideal balance of fruit to vine. Whole cluster fermentation and seven months of aging in seasoned French oak barrels yielded a multi-faceted blend of white varietals with well-rounded flavors of grapefruit, white peach, Meyer lemon, and brown spice. At 80% of the blend, Sauvignon Blanc anchors the wine with lush flavors and zesty acidity. Ten percent Chardonnay brings a creamy mouthfeel and notes of Bosc pear and apple. Malvasia gives the wine its beguiling notes of citrus flower and jasmine. This is a delicious rendering of Soliloquy from an extraordinary vineyard, 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: *80% Sauvignon Blanc; 10% Chardonnay; 10% Malvasia*

Cases Produced: *605*

Aging: *7 months in French oak barrels*

Suggested Retail Price: *\$70*

Enjoyability: *Enjoy now through 2028 for maximum enjoyment*

ON THE VINE

The 2022 vintage will be remembered for a growing season that was near ideal, with abundant early season rains and excellent spring and summer weather, culminating in what many vintners called “the tale of two harvests.” The white wine harvest kicked off in early August, followed quickly by red wine varieties. But triple digit heat over five days in early September - followed by a spate of rain - brought harvest to a sudden halt. After the rain, grapes were left to hang through October, with mild weather that allowed winemakers to await perfect ripeness. Although the harvest was challenging, winemakers describe 2022 white wines as having perfect acidity and freshness with remarkable flavors and textures. Red wines show excellent structure with deep red colors, luxurious tannins and exquisite fruit-forward aromatics.