

CARNE HUMANA

PROPRIETARY WHITE WINE

NAPA VALLEY

Our Story

Prior to Napa becoming a county and even before California was a state, a vast rancho called Carne Humana encompassed the stretch of Napa Valley from Rutherford north to Calistoga. Present-day maps exclude any references to this 17,962-acre rancho. But there remains indisputable logic to its historic boundaries.

Napa Valley "proper" has long been known for its optimum climate for growing Sauvignon Blanc, while its cooler outlying areas have created world class Chardonnay and the lesser-known Semillon. When grown in these respective climates, then blended together at pressing, these cultivars meld into a balanced style all of its own.

2014 Vintage

The 2014 growing season experienced a dry winter followed by an early spring. Temperatures were moderate with tons of sunlight, a few heat spikes and no rain issues leading to a beautifully balanced crop...it was a heaven-sent vintage!

The great head start to the season created the foundation for a monumental vintage...the rest of the growing season built on that foundation at the highest imaginable level.

Winemaker's Notes

Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon were picked at the same time and co-fermented as a single lot. These varietals give the wine the bulk of its dry crisp character. The Sauvignon Blanc was perfectly ripe so as to not retain any green character and to provide gorgeous tropical fruit flavors of passion fruit, pineapple and guava. The Semillon was picked just before peak ripeness to preserve the bright acidity and tangy backbone it is known for when picked at the optimum time. Chardonnay was blended in prior to bottling and provides attractive pear and lemon flavors.

TASTING NOTES

Color: Very pale and delicate straw.

Aromatics: Intense fruit aromas of pear, lemon custard, pineapple and guava.

Palate: A crisp and dry character with bright pear tones integrated with subtle citrus flavors and fruity, tropical highlights. The palate is mellow with a slightly creamy mouthfeel that gives way to a long, bright and clean finish.

Structure: Lean, tight minerality, a fleshy middle palate, and a rich tropical finish.

PREDOMINANT VARIETIES

Sauvignon Blanc: Ripe tropical fruit and crisp citrus flavors

Semillon: Lively acidity and structure

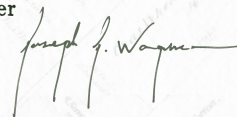
Chardonnay: Texture, pear, and lemon flavors

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