



FOLDED HILLS

# 2021 CLAIRETTE BLANCHE

## THE WINE

The 2021 Clairette Blanche is grown in our Creekside Vineyard adjacent to the Homestead Tasting Room. Like all of Folded Hills, the site is organically grown and farmed entirely by hand to ensure the finest quality fruit.

Clairette Blanche is a historic grape variety from the Southern Rhône dating back to at least 1575 that used to be widely grown. Since the 1950s, planting has been declining in favor of other more popular white grapes in the Rhône and only a few vineyards still grow it. According to USDA, there are four acres of Clairette Blanche in California (likely in the US at large) and we have one of them.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

VINTAGE:	2021
GRAPE VARIETIES:	100% Clairette Blanche
REGION:	Santa Ynez Valley
ALCOHOL:	12%
pH LEVEL:	3.43

## TASTING NOTES

Fresh aromas of orchard fruits, beeswax, and ginger are followed by refreshing, bright flavors of lemon/lime and just-ripe white peach with a generous honey and mineral finish. This wine is crisp and refreshing, making it a great companion to delicate seafood dishes and light poultry.

## WINEMAKING

PROCESSING:	100% direct to press, native fermentation
ÉLEVAGE:	9 months, stainless steel drums

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In making Folded Hills wines, our goal is to respect the land, and through the wines, express its unique voice. With as little interference as possible, we let the grapes speak for themselves. We strive to craft beautiful wines with a focus on purity and use old-world practices in our certified organic vineyards. We consciously handcraft small-batch artisanal wines, using no commercial additives and the smallest amount of sulfur; just enough to preserve the wine. Folded Hills wines contain no residual sugar and use only native yeasts that occur naturally in the vineyard. It's all part of our promise to make wine in an honest, time-honored way.

## DETAILS

BOTTLING DATE:	July 18th, 2022
RELEASE DATE:	December 12, 2022
SRP:	\$45

