







Cellar Club July 2024

2022 Blue Rock Baby Blue Blanc- Sonoma County, CA

Sonoma County has something for every wine lover. Physically twice as large as Napa Valley, the region only produces about half the amount of wine but boasts both tremendous quality and variety. Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are important throughout the county in the cooler AVAs of Russian River, Sonoma Coast and Carneros. Sauvignon Blanc has also found a firm footing here. This wine is a blend of 75% Sauvignon Blanc, 18% Semillon and 7% Viognier. Blue Blanc walks a tightrope that delivers the best qualities of Sauvignon Blanc, bright acidity and freshness, yet tempered by the addition of Viognier and Semillon in order to enhance the texture, something that remains elusive to most Sauvignon Blanc bottled on its own. It has pristine aromas of white peach, orange blossom, honeysuckle, and lemongrass, all seamlessly integrated into a fragrant and harmonious whole. The wine reveals a burst of grapefruit, with lychee, tangerine, and rainier cherry, followed by a subtle minerality. However, what distinguishes this wine from other Sauvignon Blancs is its texture; all at once light yet rich in mouthfeel throughout with a lingering and refreshing acidity.

<u>Pairings:</u> A perfect pairing with fresh veggies, fruits, ceviche, oysters, grilled white fish, poultry and anything else light and refreshing. Also try herbed potatoes, fried chicken, and whole baked fish.

2023 Massican Annia- Napa Valley, CA

If California were a country, it would be the world's fourth largest wine-producing nation. The state's diverse terrain and microclimates allow for an incredible range of wine styles, and unlike tradition-bound Europe, experimentation is more than welcome here. Massican brings the refreshing, bright style of Mediterranean white wines to California winemaking. Massican is named after Monte Massico (the Massican hills), the coastal mountain range in southern Italy where their founders are from. In California, they cultivate six white wine grape varieties in and around Napa Valley and Sonoma County. Massican's flagship white wine blend sourced from small vineyards around the Napa Valley. The three grape varietals in the blend are Blend: 41% Ribolla Gialla, 33% Tocai Friulano and 26% Chardonnay. They are harvested separately and fermented independently in French Oak and stainless steel tanks until blending six weeks before bottling. The Tocai and Ribolla build the aroma and flavor profile of the wine, while the Chardonnay adds to the wine's structure. The wine is fresh and subtle and fulfills the promise set forth years ago to bottle memorable white wines, unique amongst the whites of California. 91 PTS WS, 90 PTS WE

<u>Pairings</u>: Pair it with salads, fresh seafood dishes like fish, shrimp, crab, and lobster or grilled vegetables, light pasta dishes and sushi. Also try a heartier dish like the meat-based goulash.