A FAMILY ESTATE IN MONTEREY'S ARROYO SECO ANCIENT RIVER CHANNEL

### SAUVIGNON BLANC ARROYO SECO | 2024

# ESTATE GROWN MONTEREY COUNTY

## CEDAR LANE VINEYARD

COMPOSITION 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC CLONE(S) MUSQUE

> HARVEST DATE(S) SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

AGING 6 MONTHS, 100% STAINLESS STEEL

> ALCOHOL 13.2% TA 7.5 | PH 3.3

BRIX AT HARVEST 22.1

#### VINEYARD NOTES

Our Cedar Lane Vineyard Estate was planted in 1988. It is located in a low-lying floodplain on the western bank of the Arroyo Seco River. This waterway in Monterey County has washed granite stones for eons out of the steep Santa Lucia Mountains. The vineyard's terrain is covered with these cobbles and the sand derived from them. This well drained, rocky soil hampers vigor and leads to low yields and concentrated flavors. Dense fogs and strong winds off Monterey Bay create a strong marine influence. Under these conditions the fruit benefits from an extremely long growing season allowing for greater flavor development while retaining elevated levels of acidity.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

The twenty twenty-three vintage saw a remarkably long growing season. Hand-harvested in the early morning, our Sauvignon Blanc grapes went directly, whole-cluster into the press. The resulting juice was racked to small stainless steel tanks and primary fermentation occurred on native yeasts. Ultimately the wine was aged 6 months on light lees in tank with arrested malo-lactic fermentation.

#### TASTING NOTES

Hailing from Bordeaux, the Musque clone is an overtly aromatic scion of Sauvignon Blanc. The lively bouquet of this offering showcases peach and citrus notes. In its recesses, elements of waxy lemon rind, orange blossom and mineral tones mingle together. Crisp and clean, the aromas carry though onto the palate, as quince paste, honeysuckle and steely notes fill the wine's chalky frame.

- MARK & WILL CHESEBRO, WINEMAKERS



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