



2012 Moscato Azul **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

A white wine from La Sirena? Sure. But it's not just any white wine. This is a dry-style Muscat Canelli unique because most Muscat is made into sweet, dessert wine. Not this time. With Moscato Azul you have all the beautiful perfumy, floral character of varietal Muscat Canelli, without the sugar! It's meant to be a delightful, fun white wine to go with an assortment of tropical, citrusy, Pacific Rim type foods, even spicy food. Try striped bass sautéed with orange zest, olive oil, sea salt and a splash of Muscat or shrimp tacos with Mango salsa! Just chilled on its own, it is also delightful as a summer sipper. This wine is best consumed in 1-2 years enjoyed fresh and fruity, it's not an aging wine.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date : Sept. 14, 2012 (Calistoga)(HB Birthday) and Sept 21, 2012 (Santa Margarita)
100% Muscat Canelli - blend is 72% Napa Valley AVA, 28% Paso Robles AVA
Some Chemistry- 12.8% alc., T.A. 0.68, pH 3.18, RS 0.52%
Oak treatment : Zero
Bottling date : Dec 6, 2012
Release date : May 15, 2013
Production : 888 cases in cobalt blue "azul" glass

Tasting Notes: (tasted 5/8/13 by HPB)

Light straw in color with brilliant clarity, the 2012 Moscato Azul has a beautiful perfumy, slightly tropical floral aroma of honeysuckle, jasmine, and delicate white peach. Very clean and silky in the mouth with bright fruit flavors and a lush creamy mouth feel. Reminiscent of dry Riesling on the palate, but with the unmistakable perfumy, spiciness, and floral qualities that are the hallmark of true classic Muscat varietal character. The flavors complement the aromas in a wine with a polished profile, seamless for a white wine. It has tons of flavor without weightiness, enticingly fresh and eminently likable, crisp and dry in the finish, best consumed in 1-2 years. Absolutely delicious!

Robert Parker says ... "A wine that Heidi Barrett does better than just about anybody in California is her unbelievably fun Moscato Azul..... reminiscent of northern Italy's famous Moscatos. A slow cold fermentation renders a wine with an explosive perfume of spring flowers and tropical fruits. This is an ideal aperitif or breakfast wine, or it can be enjoyed at the end of a meal". And... "Barrett has hit pay dirt with a lively, consumer-friendly dry Muscat,...It's a shame more California wineries don't produce these wines. ... It is fresh, light bodied, and crisp...seductive aromatics".

Actor **Alan Rickman**, of *Bottle Shock* fame, once remarked that "it was the most delicious thing ever to pass through his lips". Can't argue with that!

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