



## **2019 Moscato Azul** **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

A white wine from La Sirena? Sure. But not just any white wine. This is a unique dry-style Muscat Canelli. Most Muscat (or Moscato) is made into sweet dessert wine. But not this time. With Moscato Azul, you have all the beautiful floral character of varietal Muscat Canelli, without the sugar. It's a delightful, fun white wine to go with an assortment of tropical, citrusy, or Pacific Rim type foods. 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 wonderful as a casual sipping wine to share with friends. This wine is best consumed in 1-2 years, enjoyed fresh and fruity (not a wine to age in your cellar). Also known for its cobalt blue bottle!

### **Just the Facts:**

Harvest Date: September 5th, 2019 (Calistoga) & October 3rd, 2019 (Lake County)  
100% Muscat Canelli, 25% Calistoga, 75% Lake County  
Some Chemistry - 13.2% alc, 7.5 TA, 3.37 pH, RS 0.54%  
Oak treatment: Zero  
Bottling date: Jan 14, 2020  
Release date: March 6, 2020  
Production: 400 **cases** in cobalt blue "Azul" glass

### **Tasting Notes:** (tasted 3/5/20 by HPB)

*The 2019 Moscato Azul is a very pale white-gold hue, with intense, pure aromas of tropical fruit and elderflower-jasmine floral character. Mouthwatering and bright across the palate, with flavors of white peach, pineapple, lime zest, and lychee with a touch of minerality. It has medium weight, good complexity with an evolving finish, and an understated elegance reminiscent of the classic white wines of Alsace. Drink now or over the next few years!*

**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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