



2020 Moscato Azul **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

La Sirena Moscato Azul is no ordinary white wine. This is a unique dry-style Muscat Canelli. Most Muscat (or Moscato) is made into sweet dessert wine - but not this time. In our 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: 8/22/20 (Calistoga) & October 3rd, 10/13/20 (Lake County)
100% Muscat Canelli, 25% Calistoga, 75% Lake County
Some Chemistry - 13.3% alc, 6.3 TA, 3.33 pH, RS 0.57%
Oak treatment: Zero
Bottling date: Feb 1, 2021
Release date: May 21, 2021
Production: 348 **cases** in cobalt blue "Azul" glass

Tasting Notes: (tasted 5/17/21 by HPB)

Our 2020 dry-style Muscat Canelli is a crisp white wine that is delicious, aromatic, tropical and floral. Pale straw in color with perfumey aromas of honeysuckle, lychee, paperwhite flowers, white peach, and melon. Flavors match the aromas in a mouthfilling, lush profile. Silky, balanced and unique, this wine pairs so well with a variety of foods and is perfect poolside or while cooking dinner. Yum!

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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