

## **2022 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's 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 signature cobalt blue bottle!

## **Just the Facts**:

Harvest Date: 8/27/22 (Calistoga) & 9/23/22 (Lake County) 100% Muscat Canelli, 20% Calistoga, 80% Lake County Some Chemistry - 13.5% alc, 6.75 TA, 3.34 pH, RS 0.4%

Oak treatment: Zero

Bottling date: Dec 7, 2022 Release date: Jan 20, 2023

Production: 538 cases in cobalt blue "Azul" glass

## Tasting Notes: (tasted 1/10/22 by RB)

Our 2022 dry-style Muscat Canelli is a crisp white wine that is highly aromatic with beguiling tropical and floral notes. Extremely pale, almost clear white-gold in color, with pronounced aromas of lychee, jasmine, honeysuckle, and delicate white peach rising from the glass. Flavors match the aromas in a mouthfilling, lush expression of Muscat Canelli that surprises and delights with its unique dry finish. Silky, balanced and unique, this wine pairs so well with a variety of foods and is perfect poolside or while cooking dinner.

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 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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