

2020 PETULANT NATUREL MALVASIA BIANCA

Forecast: cloudy with a chance of amazeballs. Yes, it's supposed to be cloudy. Pétulant naturel is Birichino's querulous answer as to how to produce a complex and delicious lightly "pétulant" wine using traditional lo-fi methods that don't require luxury-group funded production equipment nor marketing fluff.

From a vineyard planted just shy of 3 decades ago up against the Santa Lucias of the Salinas Valley, the 2020 is 100% Malvasia Bianca with just a touch of malvasia juice that was added while it was actively fermenting. The result is something lightly pétulant- subtly refreshing, soft and fragrant. Each bottle is hand filled and capped, and still has the fine lees contained within, much like bottle conditioned craft beers. Each bottle is a variation on a theme of floral flashes of frangipani, honeysuckle, and nectarine blossom. Supremely brunch-worthy. Snap some up.

-Alex and John

Composition: Malvasia Bianca

100%

Appellation: Monterey
Harvest Date: Sept 18, 2020
Press: ""Extremely charming" Esther Mobley, San Francisco

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