

the RAILSBACK FRÈRES

2021 Clairette Blanche



VARIETY

100% Clairette Blanche

PLACE

Santa Ynez, Alisos Canyon AVA

VINEYARD

Nolan Ranch Vineyard

FERMENTATION AND AGING

Native yeasts

Aged 8 months in Neutral French oak

PH

3.8

TA

4.3 g/L

ALC%

12.1%

PRODUCTION

3,948 bottles

Along with experimental plantings of Graciano, Picpoul Blanc, Teroldego, Mencia, and Xarello at the Nolan Ranch, they have a mere 1.84 acres of Clairette Blanche in the northwest hills of their property. Our love of the waxy, saline whites of Cassis, Bandol, and Châteauneuf-du-Pape led us to work with Clairette Blanche, the plant material of which was sourced from the legendary Perrin family of Château de Beaucastel. Victoria and I named our baby daughter, Simone, so consequently, we've found ourselves regularly opening bottles of the Palette Blanc from Château Simone, which is of course made predominantly from Clairette Blanche.

Long considered one of the Great Whites of Southern France, it's a joy to drink this kind of textured white at the table with all sorts of cuisine Provençal. Our new world version of this unsung white cépage offers another view, and we're super excited with the results of the 2021 harvest.