

COUNTRY USA

REGION California

APPELLATION Santa Barbara County

SOIL TYPE Limestone

VARIETAL(S)

16% Viognier 21% Marsanne 28% Roussanne 35% Chardonnay

FARMING Sustainable

WINEMAKER Jim Binns



2022 Andremily Winery White Cuvée

IMPORTED BY IPO Wines

ABOUT THE PRODUCER

At Andremily we are committed to creating truly special handcrafted wines in an artisan manner, our focus will remain on creating wines of distinction, never compromising for the sake of quantity. Andremily has one offering each fall, which is shipped the following spring. Working with vineyard sites that they feel offer the truest sense of what California Syrah has to offer. They take farming seriously, working diligently to promote vineyard health, and limit yields. They do this to help ensure the highest level of quality both now and in the future.

After working with the fruit from White Hawk Vineyard for the better part of a decade whileworking at Sine Qua Non, they knew just how special this Vineyard was. They couldn't have been more excited, when Manfred and Elaine generously offered them the opportunity to take over the two blocks Sine Qua Non had farmed since White Hawk was planted in 2000.

The White Hawk Vineyard is planted on nearly pure sand on the south facing slope of Cat Canyon in Santa Barbara County. White Hawks proximity to the Pacific Ocean helps to insure a cool even growing season. The often nutrient deficient sandy soils cause the vines to struggle, yielding wines with greater concentration, and intense aromatics.

The Larner Vineyard established in 1999 is the southernmost Vineyard in Ballard Canyon in Santa Barbara County. The Vineyard is entirely south facing, with predominantly sandy soils. They are very pleased to be given the opportunity to work with the Larner's, and the Larner Vineyard.

Alta Mesa Vineyard, established in 2000, is located in the Cuyama Valley of Santa Barbara County. Alta Mesa sits perched above Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard at 3200 feet in elevation. This vineyard easily has the most extreme climate of all the sites with which they work. It can on occasion reach triple digits in the peak summer afternoons. They feel this is the perfect climate for the Mourvedre we source there. The soils consist of decomposed granite and clay loam. There are large rocks of schist, quartzite, basalt, and gneiss throughout the Alta Mesa Vineyard.

WINE NOTES

The fruit sources for this showstopper are Stolpman, Duvarita, Slide Hill, and Zotavich Vineyards. Each lot was produced via long barrel fermentation and enjoyed 21 months in 50% New French Barrique / 50% Used French Barrique bottling. The Andremily White Cuvee is an enticing philter, offering a heady bouquet of white blossoms, honeysuckle, peaches, and the wet stony minerality of a cool climate Chardonnay coupled with the rich oily texture of the rarest of Rhone whites. The Andremily white is rich and decadent in the mouth, while still showing plenty of acidity to remain refreshing and bright. This is certainly a wine you will have to try to believe.

97 points, "Awesome notes of buttered citrus, toasted spice, brioche, toasted almonds, and white flowers all emerge from 2022 White Cuvee, a rich, full-bodied white based on 35% Chardonnay, 28% Roussanne, 21% Marsanne, and the rest Viognier. With that classic Andremily richness and breadth, it stays flawlessly balanced, has good acidity, and a great finish. It's a stunning white that readers should snatch up. I love it today, yet it should have 4-6 years of prime drinking, possibly longer. But why wait?" -Jeb Dunnuck