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Albillo Mayor - Albillo Mayor is a white variety that has its origins in Galicia in north-western Spain. Interestingly, DNA studies have determined that it is one of the parent grapes of Tempranillo, one of Spain's premier red varieties. There is also an understanding that it is the origin of the widely acclaimed Argentinian white variety, Torrontes. After some discussion, and consideration, we have opted to use Albillo Mayor as the varietal name. Some may recall the previous vintage of this wine (2019) we called Anonymity in lieu of determining the best option.

The grape variety presents with relatively tough skins and, while it shows some susceptibility to mildew, thrives in the dry and warm conditions of our Paso Robles Estate Vineyard. Torrontes is typically grown at higher altitudes while Albillo Mayor enjoys the warmer climates just north of Portugal. In Paso, we need to be very mindful of sunburn on the fruit and have adjusted our vine canopy management accordingly, choosing to allow natural shading from the active canopy.

The style of wine is focused on ripe, tropical fruit with a softer palate while still maintain balanced natural acidity. The fruit was harvested on 9/23/20 at 20.8 Brix and following 21 days fermenting, resulted in a finished wine with 11.57% alcohol and 0.8g/L residual sugar.

This means the wine is very dry with a lower alcohol than you would typically expect from Paso Robles. The wine is medium bodied, with forward flavour and bright natural acidity.

Even though it is a lighter style the wine still retains great length of flavour, perfect for patio entertaining. This style also works very well with quite spicy foods, certainly without the interference of oak.

CHRIS CAMERON
Winemaker



Alcohol..... **11.6%** pH..... **3.22** R/S..... **1.1g/L** TA..... **5.8g/L**
Harvest Date..... *Sept 2020* Bottling Date..... *May 2021*

