

BIRICHINO



Malvasia Bianca and the Santa Lucia Mountains

2022 MALVASIA BIANCA

Among the myriad wines which constitute BirichinoLand, few are as consistent year to year as Malvasia Bianca. True to its Calabrese origins, first brought to California in the late 19th century, the wine's own badass, baroque Malvasianess – amplified by the specificity of its New World privileged location – overwhelms all but the most clarion signals emitted via changes in vintage conditions. That location would be a vineyard some 500' up, on deep sand atop shale on the western flank of the Santa Lucia Range.

The benchlands along the western side of the Salinas Valley from Soledad down to San Lucas have long been favored for aromatic varieties such as Muscat Canelli, Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Malvasia Bianca. Whatever combination of soil and climate that there obtains seems to magnify those varieties' white flower and stone fruit perfume, while the cooling afternoon breezes which race down the valley, and generally cool evenings, work to preserve bright natural acidity in the wines. If the great *parfumeuse/parfumeur* in the sky selectively waved her/his tinctural wand in 2022, in might have been to inject a slight, yet discernible note of rosewater, a thematic variation which has appeared only very rarely, and with much rejoicing, in the 30+ years of our association with this site.

Harvest Date: September 16, 2022

Composition: Malvasia Bianca
100%

Appellation: Monterey

