

Midnight Cellars

91 points  WINE ENTHUSIAST
MAGAZINE

91 points  Wine & Spirits

90 points **JEB DUNNUCK**

2018 AURORA RESERVE

Paso Robles
California

WINEMAKER

Rich Hartenberger

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

28% Viognier
28% Picpoul Blanc
28% Grenache Blanc
16% Roussanne

COOPERAGE

100% Neutral French oak

BARREL AGING

4 months

pH / TA

3.38 / 0.700 g/L

BRIX

23

RS

0.02%

ABV

13.3%

PRODUCTION

175 cases



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage saw an almost ideal balance of vine health and stress, as is often the case with the first dry year after a very wet one. The rain came late, delaying the onset of budbreak and the beginning of the growing season. The cool weather continued most of the year, punctuated by a six-week heat wave in July and early August. Temperatures moderated before picking began and harvest proceeded under slightly cooler than normal conditions, producing fruit with intense flavors and balanced acidity.

TASTING NOTES

Ripe pear and white blossoms dominate the nose with hints of lemon. Tropical fruit and citrus notes create weight in the mid-palate and lead to a crisp, lingering finish one would expect from our reserve white blend.

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