

BROC CELLARS | 2020 LOVE WHITE

VARIETIES: 46% Marsanne | 38% Grenache Blanc | 8% Rousanne | 8% Picpoul

LOCATION: Madera

VINEYARD: Love Ranch

ALCOHOL: 11.5%

TOTAL PRODUCTION: 1121 cases

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

The grapes were harvested in August to help preserve their natural acidity. All varieties were fermented separately then aged in neutral French oak barrels with no S02. Bottled in January. Malolactic fermentation was allowed to happen naturally. In 2018 we added Picpoul to the Love White blend – adding more brightness. The Picpoul grapes come from vines that we grafted onto Roussanne vines at Love Ranch a few years ago. The cuttings came from Rorick Vineyard.

This wine is unfiltered and will contain some sediment.

VITICULTURAL AREA:

Love Ranch is farmed by our friend Oscar Ramos. The vineyard is located 35 miles south of Yosemite National Park in Madera. At 1300 feet in elevation, it is not your normal Central Valley vineyard. The soils are made up of granitic schist. We keep a large amount of leaves on the vines to protect against the heat. The crop is slightly larger to disperse much of the sun's energy and prevent the sugars from spiking, helping maintain the alcohol below 13%. Love Ranch is CCOF.

At Broc Cellars, our wines are made using spontaneous fermentation, a process that means we only use native yeasts and bacteria that exist on the grapes in order to make wine. We don't add anything – this includes nutrients, yeast, bacteria, enzymes, tannins or other popular fermentation agents. Sulphur is a naturally occurring element in all wine, the amount found can vary. We add little to no S02, depending on the wine and style.