

MATTHIASSEN



2014 NAPA VALLEY WHITE WINE

This wine is our conception of a mythical "ideal" wine... a California wine with a spiritual connection to Friuli, Italy, but also drawing inspiration from the great whites of the Loire, Burgundy, Graves, Alsace, the Rhone, old-school Napa and Sonoma...actually the list of great whites we are inspired by goes on and on, and it is all wrapped up in this wine. This wine is an attempt at getting at the core of what white wine is all about, the archetypal "white wine," thus the name. It's a very intentional blend of four varieties from two vineyards.

PURCHASE

750ml

\$40.00

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The 2014 blend is roughly 50 percent Sauvignon blanc, 25 percent Ribolla gialla, 20 percent Semillon, and 5 percent Tocai friulano.

The Sauvignon blanc brings a clean fresh citrusy acidity and some tropical character. The Ribolla gialla brings seashell minerality, nuttiness, and structure to the blend. The Semillon contributes viscosity and waxiness that adds gravity and weight. The Tocai friulano adds spicy aromatic notes. The acidity and fruit expression is balanced by a rich lees character and a faint backdrop of creamy oak. There is interplay in the wine between lightness and richness, and focus and complexity.

The 2014 White Wine has more spice and mineral qualities than it has in years. The rainy spring set the stage for spicy flavors, while the extremely dry yet mild growing season held those flavors as the fruit developed. Flavors include the trademark white peach, kafir lime, lychee nut, beeswax, ripe fig, and pineapple,