

2021 Hope Well Chenin Blanc

This year I had an interesting prospect, as we had botrytis set in for a lovely repeat of last year's Hunter's Moon, but the non-botrytis grapes were long in letting their flavors show. So we waited. We finally picked all the Chenin blanc on the same day, October 20, happily the same day we picked in 2020.

We picked in two passes. All the non-botrytised fruit went in one press load for this Hope Well Chenin Blanc. The rest, a tiny fraction of the whole, became the Hunter's Moon. Two very different expression of energy and tension are the result, their love and longing for the moon is in the aromatics of ozone and salt, the brine and electricity that crackles, and even the golden tears they leave in the glass.

Just two vintages of Chenin blanc at Hope Well convinced me to take cuttings from my old vines to my new vineyard, and make Chenin blanc the signature white wine of Hope Well in the vintages to come.

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Hope Well 2021 Chenin Blanc Eola-Amity Hills

Harvested October 20, 2021

100% Chenin blanc

100% organically farmed

Whole cluster pressed

Barrel fermented in neutral french oak

No commercial yeasts or bacteria were used

Alcohol 13.8%

240 six-pack cases produced

Bottled August 2022

Vintage 2021

*'New beginnings are often disguised
as painful endings' ~Lao Tzu*

So, you will hear the usual words about the 2021 vintage: growing degree days, heat dome, early harvest, high quality, mmmmmmm.....and those words are fine. But they do not belong to this story. That it was the last harvest for me at 12345 Oak Road (seriously, that was the address) was an abstraction. There could be no greater reward for all the work we did on that land than what we were gifted in parting: our most generous harvest ever brought to ripe perfection.

The wines made from those moments in our hands were imbued with the very special energy of *beginnings that start with endings*. Listen close, closer. Close your eyes. Come along. We're just beginning.