

BUCKLE BUNNY

2021

MARSANNE

Varietal:
Marsanne

Appellation:
Edna Valley

Vineyards:
Slide Hill

Production:
67 cases made

Oak:
33% New French Oak

Time in Barrel:
18 months

Alcohol:
13.5%

Cellar potential:
Now through 8 years

Release date:
March 9, 2024

TASTING NOTES

A summer evening alone with Tommy LeBelle means it's time to pop in that old VHS copy of Point Break. Images pierce the lemon-zest static: breaking waves of peach and melon, beeswax surfboards, and savory saline breezes. Vanilla flickering fireflies, the distant sound of a lawnmower, acacia-carved bracelets, and honey-dipped temptation whenever he leans close. You usually wouldn't make the first move, but no one's home, the almond-flower air is intoxicating—and if Reaves, Swayze, and the boys can soar from the open hatch of a dual-propeller plane, so can you.

NOTES

Making good Marsanne is like fixing up grandad's old '72 Chevelle: Awesome, but a whole lot of work. It grows in extremely tight clusters, ripens at the pace of a sloth on downers, and needs time in the cellar to tease out its melon-and-honey nuance. That's why it's tough to find here in the States. But let it hang, give it some love, and you've got a wine with all the balance and pleasure that you'd see in an aged Rhône Valley rendition. So delicate, it hardly needs new oak, yet with texture and viscosity to spare—this one-off bottling is a thoroughly satisfying white wine.

SERVING

Temperature: 60° F
Decant: 30 minutes

ABOUT

Proprietor and winemaker Russell P. From began Herman Story Wines in 2001 with 7 barrels stashed in his employer's cellar. What started as a modest homage to his rancher grandfather has become a beacon to those seeking opulent, structured Syrah and Grenache. To maintain balance while giving flavor full stage, Russell works with 30 top-tier vineyards in over 7 distinct growing regions between Santa Barbara and Paso Robles. These are no nonsense, balls to the walls wines that are not for the faint of heart or the pinky raising set.

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