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"All Clairette that spent 20 months in 1200-liter Hungarian cask, the 2022 Before Anyone Else sports a medium gold hue to go with a beautiful nose of ripe citrus, crushed pineapple, mint, and spicy wood. This carries to a medium-bodied, concentrated white that's beautifully balanced, has integrated acidity, and a great finish."

93-95 pts - Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2022 Before Anyone Else is remarkably pretty. A savory bouquet blends almond paste with mint leaf and sage before giving way to sliced nectarines. Crispy mineral-laced orchard fruits offset nearly oily textures in this this soothingly round and supple Clairette Blanche. It finishes perfumed and with a sour citrus tinge, just medium length yet spicy."

93 pts - Vinous Media

Before Anyone Else, 2022

Blend: 100% Clairette Blanche

Certifications: Demeter Biodynamic and CCOF Organic Wine.

Appellation: Adelaida District, Paso Robles

Harvest: October 12th, 2022

Vinification: Lightly pressed into concrete for native yeast fermentation. Batonnage (lees stirring) several times a week for texture. Transferred to new and neutral Hungarian oak barrels (30% new) to complete natural malolactic fermentation and evolve for 20 months prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes:

Aromatics - Stone fruits, pineapple, marzipan and pear tart with butter crust.

Palate Impression - Gentle attack of orchard fruit and yellow flowers, white tea mixed with almond tuile, honeycomb and butter tart. A broad and rich palate feel that carries through into a crescendo of freshness and richness. This tastes like Meursault but bolder.

Oak Impression - Moderate.

ABV: 13.4%

Bottled: 6.7.2024