



## *California White Table Wine* **2010**

Conundrum stands out as a distinctly different, non-traditional white wine blend. It is a true California wine, with five white grape varietals- Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat Canelli, Viognier and Semillon- sourced from Napa, Monterey, Santa Barbara and Tulare counties. We often hear the word “exotic” when described. It’s a fitting portrayal; there is no other wine quite like it.

Each lot of wine is treated separately to respect its unique flavor profile. This approach starts in our vineyards, where rootstocks and clones are matched with soil types, and continues in the cellar where the ageing is matched to each wine. Some lots are aged in cool stainless steel tanks, to maintain fresh, crisp aromas and fruit flavors, and some in a combination of seasoned and new French oak barrels.

The proportions vary slightly in each vintage, as Mother Nature hands us new ingredients. But our goal is always the same: a wine whose complexity is appealing to both red and white wine drinkers—a highly styled wine that is excellent as an aperitif, and pairs beautifully with a wide range of dishes including spicy foods and full-flavored Asian cuisine. Conundrum is best served slightly chilled.

### **Tasting Notes:**

The wine enters round with a Chardonnay weight then quickly lightens up as the Sauvignon Blanc adds a fresh element. The Viognier adds a spicy character with Muscat Canelli and Semillon adding to the layers of flavors. Explore this puzzling wine as rich aromas of honeysuckle escape from the glass, followed by hints of peach, vanilla and citrus notes. On the palate, lush tropical flavors of melon, pineapple and pear are matched with crisp lemon zest and hints of grapefruit. The complexity of this wine is brought into balance by a rich, round mouthfeel supported by fresh acidity, creating a stunning, satisfying finish.

Winemaker: Jon Bolta

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