



# BIRICHINO

## 2016 MALVASIA BIANCA

At Birichino, there are wines principally defined by their terroir [Besson Grenache, Antle & Lilo Pinot Noir], those dramatically marked by vintage variation [Jurassic Park Chenin Blanc and Bechthold Cinsault] and those dominated by variety [Saint Georges Zinfandel and Malvasia Bianca]. There is no denying the primacy of Malvasianess, though vintage differences can be quite significant. The acidity in 2010 is electric; the perfume of plumeria in 2013 colossal; the salinity of 2011 almost shocking; the botrytis-tinged aroma of the 2017 positively exotic.

The 2016 is product of quite small yields, and certainly is among the most full spectrum aromatically - an olfactory tour through a Grasse parfumerie. White flowers, stone fruits, citrus oils and botanical extracts like gentian and spearmint peacefully coexist in individual plenitude, and collective super-abundance. The aromatic effect, curiously enough, is not so much explosiveness as condensation, an Arquillian galaxy of flavor and perfume distilled down into every glass. While we resist suggestions that this vintage's age-worthiness be measured in cosmological time, experience informs our belief that 2016 will gracefully wend its way into the late 2020s. -Alex and John

**Release Date:** Summer 2018  
**Composition:** Malvasia Bianca 100%,  
**Appellation:** Monterey