

ILLUMINATION

2025

VINTAGE NOTES:

After a notably wet winter, budbreak arrived three weeks later than average. Spring settled dry and calm, giving way to the kind of moderate temperatures reminiscent of classic vintages. Balanced canopy growth and ideal conditions through the long season allowed clusters to ripen evenly, building depth of flavor while preserving the bright acidity that is a hallmark of Illumination. Harvest commenced at dawn on August 25 with the Sauvignon Blanc Musqué from the Quintessa estate, concluding with the Sauvignon Blanc from the Bennett Valley of Sonoma on September 29.

WINE:

The 2025 vintage of Illumination opens with an inviting nose of Meyer lemon and mandarin zest intertwined with fresh white peach. Layers of honeysuckle and orange blossom lend a delicate floral lift, while herbaceous whispers of lemongrass and thyme add vivid complexity.

On the palate, the wine announces itself with presence and grip; bright and fresh at entry, with flavors of grapefruit, peach skin, and guava carrying lovely density and a pleasing pithy texture. Notes of quince and candied ginger emerge, framed by a creamy roundness that balances the wine's lively, mouthwatering acidity. A flinty minerality threads through from start to finish, lending focus and elegance to the long, expressive close.

APPELLATION:	64% Napa County, 36% Sonoma County
SEASONAL RAINFALL:	32"
HARVEST:	August 25 – September 29, 2025
WINEMAKING:	We hand-pick the grapes, gently press the whole clusters, then ferment the juice with native yeast in a variety of vessels: French oak barrels (new and neutral) for depth and a hint of oak spice; acacia barrels for complex floral spice; stainless-steel barrels for purity of fruit; ceramic amphora for freshness; and egg-shaped concrete fermenters for minerality and richness on the palate. Through fermentation, we stir the lees to build weight and complexity.
VARIETIES:	49% Sauvignon Blanc 33% Sauvignon Blanc Musqué 18% Sémillon

*The Quintessa estate has been farmed according to organic principles since its planting
in 1989 and with biodynamic practices since 1996.*

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