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"The 2021 Before Anyone Else Clairette is expressive and age-worthy. Matured in 1,200-liter new Hungarian oak, it has scents of yellow apples, acacia, cashews, beeswax and matchstick with savory undertones. The medium-bodied palate is textural and expansive, with highly concentrated, honeyed flavors balanced by a focused spine of acidity. It's stunning now but will gain savory complexity over the next decade in bottle."

95 pts - The Wine Advocate

"The 100% Clairette from this estate, the 2021 Before Anyone Else is rocking stuff and reminds me of some of the top whites from Châteauneuf du Pape. Tart pineapple, caramelized citrus, white flowers, and ample chalky mineral notes emerge on the nose, and it's medium-bodied, with plenty of richness and depth on the mid-palate, terrific balance, and a great finish. It should have 3-5 years of longevity, but I see no need to delay gratification."

94 pts - Jeb Dunnuck

Before Anyone Else, 2021

Blend: 100% Clairette Blanche

Certifications: Demeter Biodynamic Wine. Demeter Biodynamic and CCOF Organic Grapes.

Appellation: Adelaida District, Paso Robles

Harvest: October 1st, 2021

Vinification: Lightly pressed into concrete for native yeast fermentation. Batonage (lees stirring) several times a week for texture. Transferred to a new Hungarian foudre to complete natural malolactic fermentation and evolve for 21 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: 13.2%

PH: 3.66

Bottled: 8.08.23