

LIVELY & ENERGETIC  
COOL CLIMATE  
WHITE WINES FROM  
THE EDNA VALLEY

— CADRE —

A NEW LIFE OF  
FRAGRANT BLOSSOMS  
EMERGES FROM  
ROCK AND SEA.



# International Wine Review

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This is John Niven's wine project specializing in Albariño, Grüner Veltliner, and Sauvignon Blanc grown in the Edna Valley. John's grandfather, Jack Niven, was one of the first to plant vineyards in Edna Valley in 1973. That vineyard, the 1200- acre Paragon Vineyard, provided fruit for the family's wine business, Baileyana Winery, where John Niven worked until both Paragon and Baileyana were sold in 2020. This gave John the opportunity to pursue his passion for the white wines of the region, so he established Cadre and hired Shanna Vanderstoel, previously assistant winemaker at Baileyana, as consulting winemaker to craft some excellent white wines. He sources fruit for his cool climate wines from Paragon Vineyard, now owned by a private company. We tasted the wines with John on the Harford Pier near Avila Beach.



## Cadre "Stone Blossom" Sauvignon Blanc 2022 Edna Valley **93 POINTS**

A supremely fresh Sauvignon Blanc showing notes of lime zest and a hint of freshly mown grass on the nose. There's excellent depth of flavor on a round, full palate of kiwi and lime, finishing long, rich and precise. A superb effort! A blend of 95% Sauvignon Blanc [old vine Clone 1 and ENTAV Clone 530]. The Clone 1 is from a single block of 49-year-old vines planted by Jack Niven at Paragon Vineyard.



## Cadre "Band of Stones" Grüner Veltliner 2022 Edna Valley **93 POINTS**

Medium yellow. Beginning with scents of stone fruit skins, this is a complex, flavorful Grüner with a silky mouthfeel, superb balance & firm acidity. The palate reveals notes of grapefruit pith & white pepper with savory nuances. Beautiful fine finish. Sourced from the Jack Ranch & Paragon vineyards and fermented in stainless steel.



## Cadre "Sea Queen" Albariño 2022 Edna Valley **92 POINTS**

Light yellow cream. Vibrant bouquet of citrus and melon with a note of peach peel. Clean on the attack and mineral like on the palate with a hint of salinity. Chalky mineral finish, again with a light saline note. Sourced from Paragon Vineyard.

## Cadre "Ode to the Sea" Albariño 2022 **93 POINTS**

Pale yellow. Aromas of pear with a hint of lychee on the nose. Lovely creamy mouth feel with excellent balance. Rich on the palate with a nice lemon and mineral on finish with excellent extract. Precise and focused. Sourced from the Spanish Springs Vineyard.

## Cadre "Ode to Fate" Blend 2022 **93 POINTS**

A ripe and very flavorful blend of 62% Grüner Veltliner, 28% Sauvignon Blanc, and 10% Albariño. Offers aromas of ginger and lemon on the nose with a creamy mouthfeel. Exhibits good concentration and balance with flavorful notes of spice, ginger and lemongrass.