

Quady, 'Elysium', California, Black Muscat 2018



An enticing aroma of water melon and roses combined with spicy strawberry fruit and a hint of caramelised orange, beautifully balanced.

Producer Note

Andrew Quady's change of career from making fireworks to making wine produced an explosion of its own kind when he created Essensia from the Orange Muscat grape. It was an instant success and until 1985 he could not make enough to satisfy demand. Now Quady is the foremost American winery specialising entirely in dessert wines and continues to win medals worldwide. In 1975 Quady's first port-like wine was made from Amador County Zinfandel. Now it is made from traditional Portuguese varietals such as Tinta Roriz and Tinta Cao.

Vineyard

In 1983 a nearby grower brought Andrew Quady some Black Muscat grapes that were previously destined for sacramental wine at a local church. When the church ceased operations, the grower was left with truckloads of perfectly ripe grapes. Upon hearing that newcomer Quady had some success with Orange Muscat, he knocked on Quady's door and the rest as they say, is history. The grapes are grown on well-drained, alluvial soils.

Winemaking

The grapes were crushed, chilled and allowed to macerate, in order to extract the desired aromas and flavours. Fermentation was arrested with a neutral grape brandy. This arrested fermentation preserved the delicate aromas of the fresh, ripe grapes. The wine was then aged for three months in small French oak barrels.

Tasting Note

Elysium is a brilliant crimson purple colour with aromas of ripe berries, rose petals, strawberries and lychees. The vibrant acidity balances beautifully with the sweetness of this wine, making it very refreshing.

Grape

Black Muscat 100%



Winemaker:	Andrew Quady
Region:	California
Sub region:	California
Country:	USA
Alcohol:	15%
Dry/Sweet value:	6 (1 is dry, 7 is very sweet)
Residual Sugar:	187
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic:	No
Biodynamic:	No
Product Code:	5519418E
Case unit of measure:	12X37.5CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Screwcap