

THE FORLORN HOPE

The Forlorn Hope wines are the result of a project devoted to displaying the wealth of California's viticultural potential -- as well as championing varieties less common. Taken as a departure from the stereotypical Californian product, the Rare Creatures of the Forlorn Hope display what is possible when great care is taken in combining soil type, climate/site, and variety to produce wines which require no manipulation.

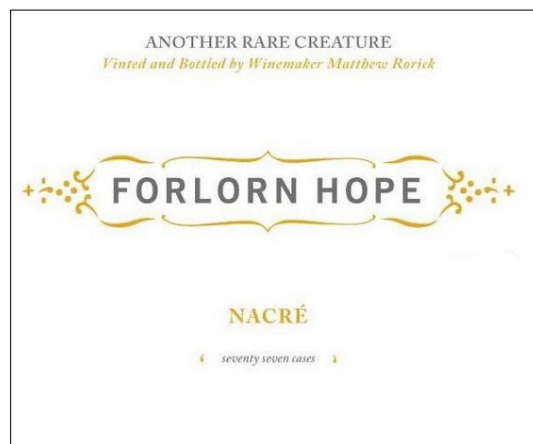


Winemaker Matthew Rorick is a one-man operation in the winery, tending each fermentation and guiding the wine's cellaring through to bottle. Each of the Forlorn Hope wines is a window into the vineyard in a particular vintage; vital to this is a partnership with growers who share the vision of achieving balanced ripeness on the vine that requires no further adjustment, additions or manipulation in the winery during fermentation. The result yields wines that are an honest and natural representation of site and vine.

"At Matthew Rorick Wines, we love the longshots. We love the outsiders, the lost causes, the people/projects/ideas abandoned as not having a chance in the world. We love the longshots because we're all about tenacity, we relish a challenge, and – we admit it – we love us a good tussle."

Taken from the Dutch 'verloren hoop', meaning 'lost troop', Forlorn Hope was the name given to the band of soldiers who volunteered to lead the charge directly into enemy defenses. The chance of success for the Forlorn Hope was always slim, but the glory and rewards granted to survivors ensured no shortage of applicants."

"NACRÉ" SEMILLION



Varietal/Blend: 100% Semillion

Farming: minimal impact

Soil: loam & chalk soil

Vine Age: 70+ years

Fermentation: natural spontaneous fermentation

Aging: 18 months in barrel, 2 years in bottle

Alcohol: 11 %

Yeast: natural

Fined: none

Filtered: none

Production #s: <200 cases

Winery note: The propensity for change can be one of wine's most intriguing qualities, particularly when the evolution occurs between markedly different poles. The arc of transformation described by the idiosyncratic Sémillons of Australia's Hunter Valley is as broad as it is captivating. From the crystalline purity of their taut citrus youth through to the wealth of unexpected aromas and rich flesh of patiently aged elder bottles they add to their allure by presenting different facets at every step of the journey. With a grateful nod to the enological pioneers of the Hunter, the Forlorn Hope Nacré begins its trajectory of transfiguration anew with each vintage.

Country: United States

Region: California

Sub Region: Napa

Vineyard: Yount Mill Vineyard