



# SOLILOQUY

NAPA VALLEY

2023

"Soliloquy is Flora Springs' love letter from the Napa Valley. Composed from the one and only Soliloquy clone, first identified in our family's vineyards in 1989, this white wine blend arises from a multi-generational commitment to sustainable farming and the pursuit of a wine that flows with true individual spirit." – Nat Komes, General Manager

## TASTING NOTES

At 85% of the blend, Sauvignon Blanc anchors the wine with lush flavors and zesty acidity. Eight percent Malvasia introduces notes of citrus flower and jasmine that are beguiling. Seven percent Chardonnay brings a creamy mouthfeel finish and notes of Bosc pear and apple.

VARIETAL: 85% Sauvignon Blanc, 8% Malvasia, 7% Chardonnay

CELLAR: Enjoy Now or cellar until 2029

CASES: 631

SRP: \$70

## VINEYARD

*Crossroads Vineyard, Oakville AVA, Napa Valley*

Our 2023 Flora Springs Soliloquy is the continuation of a remarkable journey that began in 1989. Noting the unique character of a small block of Sauvignon Blanc from our Crossroads Vineyard in the Oakville AVA, we fermented and bottled it separately as our first Soliloquy white wine. Our hunch that there was something exceptional about these Sauvignon Blanc vines was confirmed shortly thereafter, when UC Davis certified Soliloquy as a singular clone entirely unique to Flora Springs. But our journey took a turn in the 1990s when our vines became diseased and the clone nearly went extinct. Determined to save this piece of Napa Valley history, our family spent the next eight years in a quest to preserve the Soliloquy clone, growing new plant material in a lab, propagating a few dozen vines in a nursery, and replicating them in the vineyard. With the new vines established, General Manager Nat Komes took Soliloquy on as a personal project, conducting numerous blending trials over a several year period to re-create the Soliloquy wine he remembered from its earliest vintages. Experimenting with different yeast strains, fermentation regimes, aging vessels and varietal compositions yielded the wine Nat knew from taste memory, and today, Soliloquy represents our quest to create the finest white wine we have ever made.

YEAR ESTABLISHED: Family farmed since 1980

SOILS: Pleasant Loam

CLONE: Soliloquy Clone

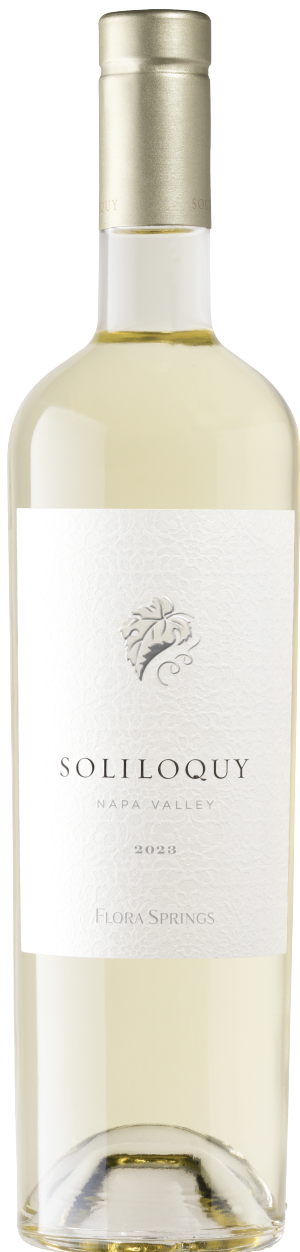
HARVEST DATE: Hand-picked on September 14, 2023

## WINEMAKING

In an attempt to preserve the thumbprint of this treasured fruit source, the fruit is whole-cluster fermented in its natural yeast. This technique also means there is no inoculated yeast present in the wine.

## VINTAGE

In 2023, Napa Valley experienced one of the longest growing seasons in a decade or more. Winter and spring rains led to full reservoirs and healthy, saturated soils; ideal conditions as grape growers headed into the peak growing months. With consistent, mild weather throughout the season, above-average crop yields, and extended hang time, 2023 was an exceptional, high-quality, and memorable vintage.



FLORA SPRINGS



# SOLILOQUY

NAPA VALLEY

2023

## A LOVE LETTER FROM NAPA VALLEY: SOLILOQUY

When our family acquired Crossroads Vineyard, in the heart of the Oakville AVA, in 1985 we gained an unusual treasure: a small block of Sauvignon Blanc vines with a one-of-a-kind clone which we dubbed "Soliloquy" for its ability to produce high-quality, singularly expressive fruit. From that moment forward, we devoted ourselves to preserving and nurturing our precious Soliloquy vines. Before long, we perfected a white wine blend, Flora Springs Soliloquy, to stand proudly alongside our flagship red wine blend, "Trilogy". By the 1990s, the two wines had earned a loyal following and had taken their rightful place as icons among Napa Valley wines.

These days, our Soliloquy blend continues to benefit from our intimate knowledge of farming this exceptional Sauvignon Blanc clone over many decades. Now, with the added ability to blend in Malvasia and Chardonnay, we've taken it to the next level.

As you may recall, In 2019, our family made the difficult decision to sell our winery in St. Helena (the consequence of succession planning for a large and extended family). With the resources remaining, we decided to start a new, more streamlined chapter for Flora Springs. The vineyard acreage we retained in the sale -- 20 acres encompassing the Rutherford side of the property -- is some of the finest we farm. Our other vineyards in Napa Valley further ensure our continuing access to estate-grown fruit of the highest quality. Bucking current wine industry trends of corporate growth, acquisitions and mergers, we are determined to stay small: We reduced our production by over half, a tough decision but one we knew would pay dividends in wine quality. We built a bespoke winery with workflow and equipment custom-fit to our smaller wine lots, and we redeveloped our most prized vineyard sites

Soliloquy has always been our most beloved flagship white wine -- the one we pour our heart and soul into year after year. Our 2023 Soliloquy, presented here, is an evolution, still representing that spirit of dedication, but with a new commitment to the kind of hands-on winegrowing and craftsmanship that can only be achieved when you work small. In many ways, this is the Flora Springs we've always dreamed of. For us, the change feels good.

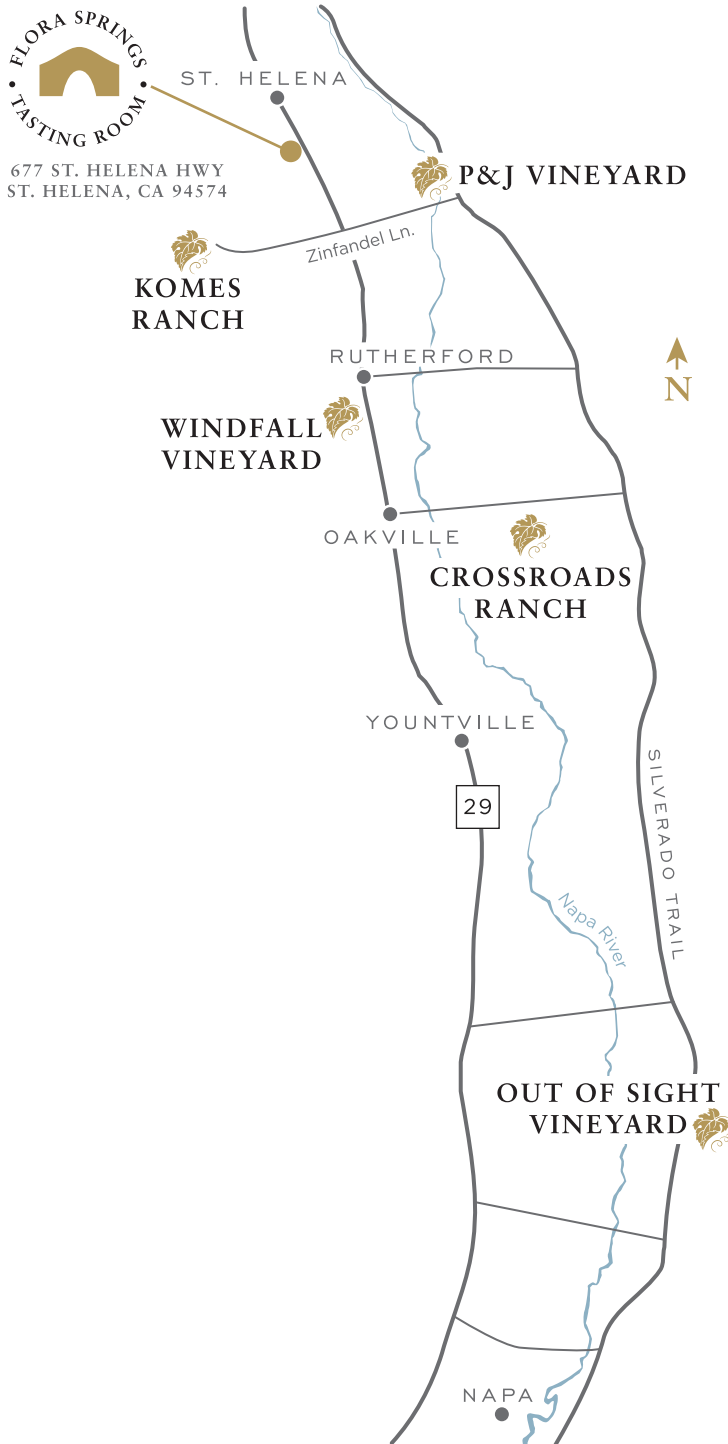
Should you have any informational/image needs, please don't hesitate to contact our PR representative, Lisa Klinck-Shea: [lisa.creativemarketing@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.creativemarketing@gmail.com).

FLORA SPRINGS

# FLORA SPRINGS

For nearly five decades our family has worked and lived among our own estate vineyards in Napa Valley, and farming our land sustainably has always been a top priority and more than that, a way of life. With over 200 acres of vines, we are laser focused on leaving the land, soil and surrounding habitat healthier and more vibrant than we found it.

- The Komes and Garvey Family



## THE VINEYARDS

### ST. HELENA

#### P&J VINEYARD

**Acres:** 43

**Varietals:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc

On the southern edge of the St. Helena AVA with close proximity to the Napa River, P&J Vineyard offers a diverse blend of alluvial soils. These deep soils help the vineyard come into balance during the warm St. Helena summers.

### RUTHERFORD

#### KOMES RANCH

**Acres:** 20.5

**Varietals:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Malbec

Komes Ranch sits on the coveted Rutherford bench soils that slope down to the valley floor along the Mayacamas Mountain range. The site is a key source for our flagship red wine, Trilogy.

### RUTHERFORD

#### WINDFALL VINEYARD

**Acres:** 4

**Varietals:** Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon

Sitting on the western benchland of Rutherford where cool evenings and warm afternoons prevail, this vineyard features well-drained, gravelly loam soils that are rich in nutrients.

### OAKVILLE

#### CROSSROADS RANCH

**Acres:** 107

**Varietals:** Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon

The Komes and Garvey family has farmed this 107-acre ranch for over thirty years, building a rich knowledge of its diverse soils and microclimates. Crossroads is the site of Flora Springs' proprietary Sauvignon Blanc clone, Soliloquy, which was discovered by the family and certified by UC Davis in the late 1980s.

### NAPA VALLEY

#### OUT OF SIGHT VINEYARD

**Acres:** 37

**Varietal:** Cabernet Sauvignon

Certified organic by CCOF, Kairos has a southwestern exposure and a cool climate due to its proximity to the San Pablo Bay. It is typically one of the last vineyards to be harvested each year.

