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## Ashes & Diamonds Blanc No.1, Napa Valley

£55.00

**Vintage:** 2016

**Bottle Size:** 75cl

**Alcohol %:** 12.50%

**Country:** USA

**Description:** This wine begins with an expressive aromatics of tropical fruits, lychee, green mango, key lime, wild spring flowers, moist grass and tangerine all taking shape. The mouthfeel is simply beautiful, with amazing texture and balance driven by flavors of tropical fruits, lime and pear which continue throughout. This is sensational right now, as it impresses with its freshness and purity, while also showing the ability to age.

**Cepages:** Semillon,Sauvignon Blanc

**Group:** USA

**Sub group:** California

**Colour:** White

**Closure:** Cork

**Producer:**

**Website:**

**Organic/Bio Status:**

**Food / cocktail match:** Root vegetables and squashes.

**Food / cocktail recipe:**

**Press** "The grapes for this intense white barrel-fermented blend made by Steve Matthiasson come from vineyards in southern Napa; the Semillon grows in the valley's oldest organic vineyard. It has the power and savour of an Australian white from Margaret River" - DECANTER

"This is a blend of equal parts Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc, barrel-fermented and aged in 40% new French oak for one year. It's fresh and alive in orange blossom aromatics and strong impressions of peach, pear and green apple. A bold streak of minerality gives it a hint of gravel and



rock" - Wine Enthusiast

**Awards**

Silver Medal - SFWA (San Francisco Wine Awards).

Best Up and Coming Winery - Napa Valley Newcomers Awards.

**Other Info:**

The Ashes & Diamonds Winery is the brainchild of Kashy Khaledi, just like the rather obscure film from which it draws its name, his winery is rooted in the unconventional. Shortly after seeing the 1958 Polish war film, Khaledi gave his notice at Capitol and went to work developing Ashes & Diamonds Winery. He enlisted some of Northern California's most high-profile winemakers, Steve Matthiasson (of Matthiasson Wines, winner of Winemaker of The Year from the San Francisco Chronicle) and Dan Petroski (of Massican and Larkmead), to craft the wines. In addition to growing fruit on his own estate in the Oak Knoll district, Khaledi is also working with some of the top winegrowers, like Bart and Daphne Araujo, for his wines. The wines are focused on the old-school style of classic Napa Cabernet Sauvignon producers from the '60s and '70s, like Mayacamas, Robert Mondavi, and Inglenook.

"When I was developing the illuminated monument sign at A&D that sits at the gateway, I wanted to add another sign a few yards farther down that said 'Home'. I never got around to it, but that's really what I want people to feel when they come here - home," Khaledi says. The winery's tasting room is open until 7:00 p.m., unlike most in the area, which close at 4:00. As a result, Khaledi says, it "feels more like a living room than a conventional Napa Valley tasting room." The basic concepts are the same as any other winery in the Valley—come and see the vineyards and taste the wines—but there's something incredibly refreshing about Ashes & Diamonds as a producer.