

# Quady Elysium Black Muscat Half 2021



## Region

The state of California is by far the most important producer of wine in the USA. Its grape growers succeed in many differing environments up and down the state from the fog influenced coastal valleys of Sonoma, Napa and Cameros, to the hot irrigated Central Valley and Monterey, Santa Barbera and Edna Valley on the Pacific coast and to Themecula on the Mexican boarder. California produces a range of varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Merlot, Syrah.

## Producer

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 (named because the grapes have an aroma reminiscent of orange blossom). It was an instant success at tastings and wine shows and until 1985 he could not make enough to satisfy demand. Following the success of Essensia, Andy's next creation was Elysium from the Black Muscat grape, which is magenta in colour, with a haunting rose-like aroma. Quady is the foremost American winery specialising entirely in dessert wines and continues to win medals worldwide.

## Tasting Notes

Andrew Quady brought some Black Muscat from a neighbouring grower after the local church, for which these grapes were usually destined as sacramental wine closed down. The name Elysium derives from Greek mythology as a state of eternal bliss after death. This spectacular dessert wine has an aroma of roses with black cherries and strawberries. The palate has an opulent sweetness balanced perfectly with a fresh acidity and a long, fruity finish.

## Food

Elysium is wonderful with cheeses, especially goat cheese or Gorgonzola; with desserts containing red fruits, such as Summer Pudding. Also a perfect match with dark chocolate desserts or dry drizzled over ice cream.

### Technical Information

<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Region</b>	California-Generic
<b>Grape(s)</b>	Black Muscat (100%)
<b>Type</b>	Red
<b>Style</b>	Dessert
<b>Oaked Style</b>	Lightly oaked
<b>Body Style</b>	Medium bodied
<b>Sustainable</b>	No

Dry/Sweet Style	Sweet	
Alcohol Content	15%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	Milk:	Yes
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian:	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes



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