



BELTED VINES

2021 ALBARIÑO

STEWART VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY



Stewart Ranch down in northern Napa Carneros has its toes in the estuary south of Napa, and stays cool and breezy. For the first time in a while, we had a normal growing year. 2021 had a few hot spells over 95° and about 30% of normal rain in winter. Albariño has lovely durable flowery characters, and with careful farming, it progressed well. We had budbreak April 10th, bloom May 18th, and veraison August 2nd. By August 31st, we were at 21.2°Brix, so we brought it in early in the morning, whole cluster pressed and then fermented it in stainless steel with VL3 yeast. Fermentation took about 3 weeks, then the wine rested on the lees for 1 month in tank before racking to stainless steel barrels and then bottling. Albariño itself is an uncommon variety in California, but it is well known in Portugal where it is grown in the Northwest.

Pairs well with

In Galicia, Spain. Its zippy acidity and light floral notes make it a natural companion to tapas and fresh seafood.

Aromas

Lemon blossom and flowery aromas, with light sweet pea and phlox

Tasting Notes

Bright and tangy minerally lemon flavor, just a hint of basil, with clean lingering white peach flavors on the finish

Bottled

Sterile bottled March 8, 2022 under screwcap and 1240 CO2

– *Alison Doran*, Winemaker, *tasted 7/24/2022*

PRODUCTION:	212 cases
COMPOSITION:	100% Albarino
VINEYARDS:	100% Stewart Ranch
APPELLATION:	Napa Carneros
ELEVATION:	Sea level
COOPERAGE:	Stainless steel
ALCOHOL:	12.15%
TA:	8.9 g/L
pH:	3.28

