



# BELTED VINES

## 2022 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. We had about 20" of winter rains in 2022, still considered a drought year, and the season started early, with a few random damaging frosts, then came many rollercoaster events with temperatures into the 100s. Albariño has lovely durable flowery characters, and with careful farming, it progressed well. We had budbreak April 12, bloom May 18, and veraison July 31. A big heat wave made us decide to harvest by Aug. 23rd as even more heat was projected and we did not want cooked flavors and sunburn. So we brought it in early in the morning, whole cluster pressed and then fermented it in stainless steel with Alba Fria yeast. Fermentation finished by Sept. 16, when we added SO<sub>2</sub>, then the wine rested on the lees for 1 month in tank before racking to stainless steel barrels. 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

Pretty lilac and anise, with white peach and orange blossom coming through.

### Tasting Notes

Crisp and bright with white peach and melon. Nice depth in center but fresh acidity cleans up at the finish.

### Bottled

Sterile bottled July 25, 2023 under screwcap and 1140 CO<sub>2</sub>

– *Allyson Doran, Winemaker, tasted 7/22/2023*

PRODUCTION:	230 cases
COMPOSITION:	100% Albariño
VINEYARDS:	100% Stewart Ranch
APPELLATION:	Napa, Carneros
ELEVATION:	Sea level
COOPERAGE:	Stainless steel
ALCOHOL:	12.2% by volume
TA:	7.7 g/L
pH:	3.32

