



HILL FAMILY
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2019 “Stewart Ranch” Albariño

Production: 446 cases

Composition: 97% Albariño and 3% Sauvignon Blanc

Vineyards: 97% Stewart Ranch and 3% Windy Flats

Appellation: 100% Napa Valley

Elevation: Valley floor

Cooperage: Stainless Steel

Alcohol: 13.1% TA: 7.7 g/L pH: 3.21

Bottling date: January 21, 2020

Release date: Spring 2020

Release price: \$32.00

The Stewart Ranch in Carneros has its toes in the estuary south of Napa, and stays cool and breezy. We had solid rains in winter, and a long moderate season with less rollercoaster effect than most years. Flowery character developed nicely, but the weather began to warm up, so we harvested on September 7. We whole cluster pressed and then fermented in stainless steel with VL3 yeast. Fermentation took about three weeks, and then the wine rested on the lees for two months in tank before racking and bottling. Albariño itself is an uncommon variety in California, but it is well known in Portugal where it is grown in the Northwest, more specifically Galicia, Spain. Its zippy acidity and light floral notes make it a natural companion to tapas and fresh seafood.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:

The 2019 Albariño offers aromas of pear, citrus, green apple and floral notes. The palate is mouthwatering, with green apple and plenty of lemon-lime acidity on the finish. The tart acidity makes this wine pair particularly well with shrimp, crab, oysters and tapas.