



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2011 “Stewart Ranch” Albarino

Production: 170 cases  
Composition: 100% Albarino  
Vineyard: Stewart Ranch  
Appellation: Carneros  
Elevation: 3-5 Ft.  
Cooperage: No oak  
Alcohol: 13.0%  
Release Date: September 2012  
Release Price: \$28.00

### **Vineyard Notes:**

In 1997, Doug Hill was the first vintner to plant Albarino in the Napa Valley. Doug chose a low-lying vineyard site in the Carneros AVA that is surrounded by wetlands influenced by daily tidal actions. Each day during high tide, the water comes up and surrounds the vineyard, creating a cooling impact. The water helps moderate the climate in the vineyard.

The fruit was picked at 22 brix, and fermented cold using a combination of native yeasts and an isolate from Northern Spain. The lees were stirred every few weeks in tank.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran’s Tasting notes:**

The 2011 vintage is golden yellow in color with lemon zest, pungent herbs, green almond and white flowers on the nose. The palate offers lively citrus and orchard fruit flavors given spine by tangy acidity. The clean finish features lingering spiciness, and a repeating lemon-lime note.