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**2013 Albarino
Napa Valley**

Production: 366 cases
Composition: 100% Albarino
Vineyards: Stewart Ranch
Appellation: Napa Valley 100%
Elevation: Valley floor
Cooperage: Stainless Steel
Alcohol: 13%
TA: 0.62 g/L
pH: 3.34

Stewart Ranch down in Napa Carneros has its toes in the estuary south of Napa, and stays cool and breezy. Long cool growing seasons give depth of flavor and hold acidity. Albarino itself is an uncommon variety in California, but it is well known in Spain where it is grown in Galicia. Its zippy acidity and light floral notes make it a natural companion to tapas and fresh seafood.

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes: tasted 3/22/14

Albarino has an unfamiliar profile to most people, with its aromas of vanilla and ceanothus, melon and orange blossom. The wine is crisp and clean and though the texture is bright and fresh, it has a welcome viscosity across the mid palate. Flavors run to tart apple, and anise with some honey and even a little basil to make this a very interesting wine.

