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## 2015 “Stewart Ranch” Albariño

**Production:** 445 cases  
**Composition:** 100% Albarino  
**Vineyard:** Stewart Ranch  
**Appellation:** Napa Valley  
**Elevation:** Valley floor  
**Cooperage:** Stainless Steel  
**Alcohol:** 13.2%, TA 0.72 g/L, pH: 3.38  
**Bottled:** January 20, 2016  
**Release date:** April 2016  
**Release price:** \$28.00

Stewart Ranch in Carneros has its toes in the estuary south of Napa, and stays cool and breezy. Due to the drought, the warm temperatures, and the small crops in 2015, these grapes ripened early and were picked on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 21.6 brix. We fermented the grapes in stainless steel with Top Floral yeast. 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:**

Aromas of fragrant lilac and Mexican vanilla with light lychee notes. True Albarino acidity greets the palate, but the center is balanced and has a lively orange flower water-gin fizz creamy flavor.