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## 2016 “Stewart Ranch” Albarino

**Production:** 375 cases

**Composition:** 100% Albarino

**Vineyard:** Stewart Ranch

**Appellation:** Carneros

**Elevation:** Valley floor (sea level)

**Cooperage:** Stainless Steel

**Alcohol:** 12.8%, TA 0.78 g/L, pH 3.30

**Bottling date:** January 18, 2017

**Release date:** Spring 2017

**Release price:** \$28.00

The Stewart Ranch in Carneros has its toes in the estuary south of Napa, and stays cool and breezy. Early bud break and inconsistent vineyard development made for an overall small crop in 2016. The grapes ripened slowly with the cool weather in August and September, and were picked on September at 21.2 brix. We fermented it in stainless steel with VL3 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:**

Lilac and lupine scents start out the bouquet, followed by orange blossom and light vanilla. The palate is light and crisp with vanilla, wild white peach and almond flavors. The wine finishes clean, with racy acidity and charm.