

# Rock Wall

## WINE COMPANY

### 2015

## PINOT BLANC

### VINEYARD NOTES

As a law professor at the University of British Columbia, Canada, Gordon Jahnke was fortunate enough to take a one year teaching sabbatical at the University of California, Berkeley. While there Gordon visited Mendocino County, and was taken by the beauty of the Ukiah Valley and the surrounding landscape. It was during that visit when Gordon decided he would someday own and live on a vineyard in Mendocino County. Gordon purchased the Schrader Ranch in 1993. At the time the majority of the 212 acre ranch was planted with pears. Over the next several years the property was replanted with grape vines. The vineyard now has 7 different grape varieties: Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Viognier, Pinot Blanc, Syrah and Sangiovese.

### PRODUCTION

We picked this gorgeous fruit on September 20th, 2015. We pressed it immediately and divided it into two lots. 1000 gallons were fermented in a stainless steel tank, and 760 gallons were fermented in three and four-year old oak. Never having made a Pinot Blanc before, I wanted to see which was the superior method for this variety. I inoculated the tank with CY3079 which is a Pinot Blanc yeast isolate, and the barrels with three different yeast strains including CY3079, ICVGRE and DV10. The tank fermentation turned out wine that was stellar, but the barrel lot was even better. I couldn't believe what an incredible expression of fruit we got from the barrels. The combination of the two was the winner.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Bright aromas of pineapple, canteloupe, kiwi and cucumber-melon-give way to flavors of nectarine, peach, lemon meringue pie, fennel and white cake. Soooooo freakin' good.

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

#### APPELLATION

Mendocino County

#### COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Blanc

#### ALCOHOL

13.2%

#### PH

3.59

#### TOTAL ACIDITY

0.63g / 100ml

#### BARRELS

60% stainless steel,  
40% three and four year old French  
oak

#### CASES PRODUCED

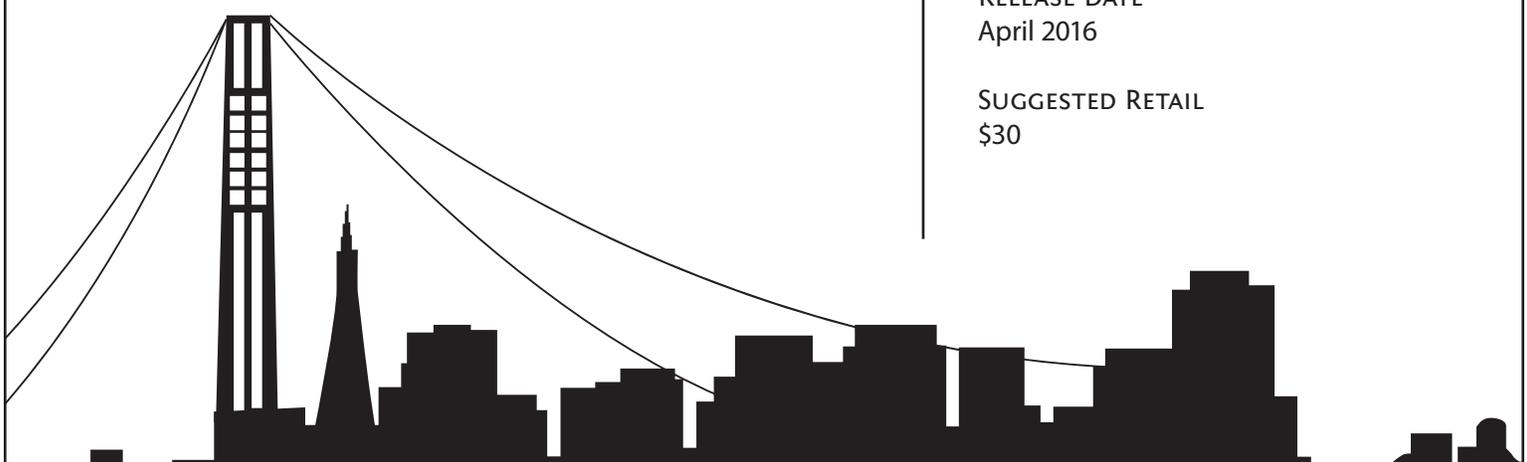
596

#### RELEASE DATE

April 2016

#### SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$30



2301 MONARCH STREET • SUITE 300 • ALAMEDA, CA 94501  
T: 510-522-5700 • F: 510-522-5701 • ROCKWALLWINES.COM