

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2016

MALVASIA BIANCA DEL ARROYO VINEYARD

VINEYARD NOTES

Located at the top of Crane Ridge, 200 feet above the valley floor, Del Arroyo Vineyard is the third largest grower in the Livermore Valley. This unique location, coupled with five different soil types, allows the vineyards to produce fourteen different varieties of grapes including the distinctive Malvasia Bianca.

Production

We picked this fruit on September 12th, 2016. We put this fruit through semi-carbonic maceration because the fruit was so aromatic, we wanted to see how far we could punch up the gorgeous bouquet. During carbonic maceration, an anaerobic environment is created by pumping carbon dioxide into a sealed container filled with whole grape clusters. The carbon dioxide gas permeates through the grape skins and begins to stimulate fermentation at an intracellular level. The entire process takes place inside each single, intact berry. After three days of this, we foot stomped the fruit in the macro bins and then inoculated them with EC1118 yeast to go through alcoholic fermentation. We gave the bins two punch downs per day until they had dropped about 2/3 of the way through alcoholic fermentation and then pressed the fruit, and pumped the wine to neutral French oak barrels to finish fermenting.

Winemaker Comments

I am SO stoked about this wine. This wine is fruity, floral and dry with a distinct mouth feel. Aromas of flowers, pineapple, guava, apricot and Key lime give way to unique flavors of pear, mango, allspice, jasmine and a lemon confit finish. The texture of this wine is so much fun. It has actual tannin structure from the skin contact during fermentation.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION

Del Arroyo Vineyard
Livermore Valley

COMPOSITION

88% MALVASIA BIANCA
10% RIESLING
2% MUSCAT CANELLI

ALCOHOL

12.8%

Residual Sugar:

0g/100ml "Bone Dry"

PH

3.34

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.68g / 100ml

BARRELS

100% neutral French oak

CASES PRODUCED

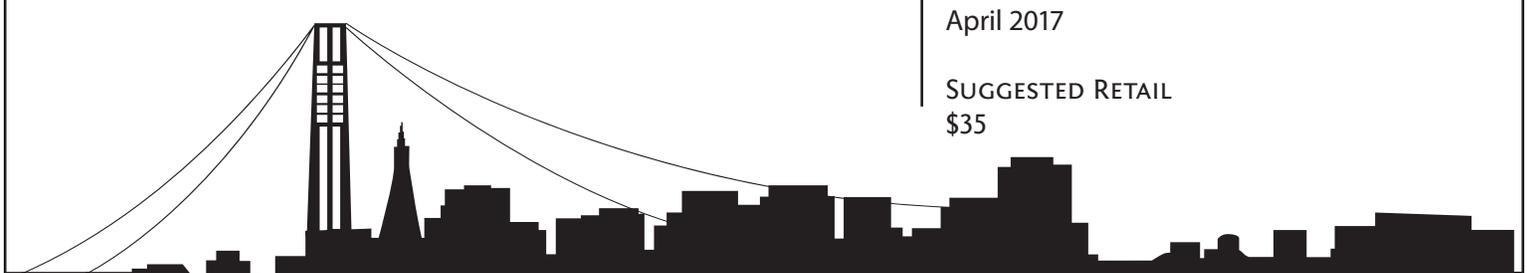
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RELEASE DATE

April 2017

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$35



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