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2019 Albariño Kristy Vineyard Monterey County

Location: Kristy Vineyard, within western bench over the Salinas River on an alluvial fan of broken siliceous/calcareous sediments. Special site, vineyard reaches full phenological ripeness at low potential alcohol and bright natural acidity due to abundant California sunshine, cold desert nights and near constant coastal breezes off the Monterey Bay.

Winemaking: Picked with low sugars and vigorous natural acidity. 1/2 whole cluster pressed, 1/2 destemmed and left on skins for three days. Both fermentations were inoculated with separate 'pied de cuvée' yeast cultures harvested in the vine rows at Kristy. Cold fermented in stainless steel to preserve minerality, aromatics and freshness. Secondary fermentation is arrested. Aged on lees four months. Sterile filtered.

Tasting: Strong Salinas Valley winds, help to support, this true-to-varietal Albariño. Lively and bright aromatics fill the nose, lemon/ lime, followed by stone fruit, white peach, minerality on the palate, tying it all together, racy acidity. The briny, salty, savoriness continues in the enduring finish.

1420 cases

