

La Marea Cachudo

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United States - California - Monterey

Inspired by their Portuguese heritage, the Pierce family wanted to explore beyond the typical French cultivars on their small family vineyard in the high Lockwood Valley west of King City. Closer to Paso Robles than to the Monterey Bay and in the lee of the Santa Lucia Mountains, the area's high mid day temperatures, intense sunshine and arid climate suit grapes like Arinto, sometimes called Arinto Cachudo, which forms the backbone of our La Marea 'Cachudo' bottling. Directly translated 'cachudo' means 'having horns' but, depending on usage and region can mean chubby, rich, long-faced, lazy or horny. 'El Cachudo' is the devil and while this wine is devilishly tasty we believe in this case it refers to the tight, almost chubby, bunches of grapes typically of the variety. Arinto vines withstand water and heat stress and produce high acid, citrus tinged and ageable white wines in warm climates. This is one of a couple of Arinto plantings we are aware of on the west coast but it is a potentially noble grape perfectly adapted to climate conditions found in all but the extreme coastal areas of California.

Distinctly graphite minerality on the forefront of the bouquet leans in quickly to satsuma mandarin and jasmine flower. Vibrant acidity leads the attack on the palate and confirms the light citrus and floral notes, shifting from jasmine to orange blossom. Finishes crisp with a subtle herbaceous verbena note and buttered brioche.

Specifications

Appellation	Monterey
Wine Type	White
Varietals	97% Arinto and 3% Verdelho
Age of Vines	Average 20 years
Soil type	Clay and Shale
Vinification	Picked in mid September with moderate sugars and impressive acidity. Fermented in a mix of stainless drums and used oak barrels. Primary fermentation arrested at 1 g/L. Full secondary fermentation. Aged on lees 7 months, filtered and bottled with 3% Verdelho.
Production	223 (9-liter cases)
Pairings	Myriad !



Codes, Weights and Measures

UPC	8 59978 00515 5
Units/Case	12
Unit Size	750 mL
Container	bottle

SCC	N/A
Case Weight	38
Cases/Pallet	56
Layers/Pallet	14
ABV	13.40%
SRP	\$ 28.50 USD 750mL Bottle