



BLACK ANKLE

vineyards

2020 ALBARIÑO VIEJO

WINE PROFILE:

Our 2020 Albariño Viejo is a full-bodied, dry white wine. Unlike our other two 2020 Albariños, the Viejo is light on acidity and swirling with tropical notes of pineapple, starfruit, and kiwi with an underlying hint of fresh herbs.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE/GROWING SEASON:

Overall, 2020 was a successful growing season. After the difficult growing year in 2018 due to rain and the smaller than average harvest in 2019, our 2020 harvest burst forth with our highest yields yet. We were extremely lucky to have been missed by the late spring frosts and heavy summer rains that hit so many local vineyards, giving us plenty of sunshine, hot temperatures, and just enough rain to keep the vines from being over-stressed.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

Our 2020 Albariño Viejo is made primarily from the grapes in our 2004 block, which comes from the East side of the farm and has less rocky, slightly richer soil than the Albariños on the western side of the vineyard. Estate-grown and sustainably farmed on our 146 acre farm, our grapes are tended by hand throughout the growing season and are harvested by hand in the fall. After an overnight rest in the cool winery building, the Albariño wine grapes are sorted, de-stemmed, and are gently whole-cluster pressed before the juice is transferred into stainless steel fermentation tanks. Fermentation is done at a cool temperature and typically takes about a month to complete.

VARIETAL:

100% Albariño

ABV: 13.7%

BOTTLED: April 2021

CASES: 325

VINES PER ACRE: 1895

GEOLOGY:

Decomposing slate laced with veins of quartz

SLOPE ORIENTATION:

North

WINEMAKERS:

Ed Boyce & Sarah O'Herron



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