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VARIETAL:

Vineyard:

AVA:

Sugar at Harvest: °B % potential alcohol (Brix x 58%)

pH: Total Acidity: g/L SO₂: ppm

Both your pH and T.A. will need re-adjusting *after* MLF is complete.

Do this *By Taste*, with Tartaric Acid. Then chill your cellar.

Yeast:

MLF: Freeze dried CH16 (keep frozen until used)

<https://vinoenology.com/calculators>

GENERAL WINEMAKING PROCEDURE

Fermentation:

- Crush and de-stem grapes. Clean equipment.
- Add (this will be done at The Winery)
 - Sulfite (SO₂) (1/2 tsp. per 100 lbs) to kill acetobacter.
 - Add Tartaric Acid (H₂Ta), as per The Winery's instruction.
 - Add Water (non-chlorinated) to bring the Brix down to 24.5° (1% reduction = use 0.35 gallons (44.8 ozs/1.4 qts./1.32 L) of non-chlorinated water per 100 lbs grapes.)

(Also, add 0.4 grams of Tartaric Acid to this water to maintain a pH of 3.6)

Tomorrow:

- Add Water (non-chlorinated) to bring the Brix down to 24.5°.
- Rehydrate your Yeast, using *Start Up*[™].
- Then Acclimate this Rehydrated Yeast to 65°F before pitching/adding yeast. (see attached procedure)
- Feed your rehydrated yeast, using *Super Food*[™] Plus:
 - ◆ 1/3 with the yeast inoculation.
 - ◆ 1/3 when fermentation is fully underway and the brix level drops 3° - 4°.
 - ◆ Also add your MLF bugs at this time.

Just sprinkle the freeze dried powder into a puddle of juice.

Let dissolve and mix into the grape must.

- ◆ 1/3 at mid fermentation, around 10° brix.

- Ferment at 65°F - 80°F to preserve the varietal character.
- Punch Down the cap of skins, *vigorously, three times a day* to macerate them, extracting the desired color and structure.

Press Skins/Ferment to Dryness/Finish M.L.F.:

- At 0°B – 2°B, **PRESS the GRAPES** into a full, clean glass or stainless steel vessel or barrel.
- Ferment to dryness (~-2°B).
- Keep the temperature at 65° - 75°F until MLF is complete.
- Test to know when MLF is complete, using the *Accuvin Malic Test Kit*.
- When MLF tests complete, and not before, add 50 ppms of SO₂.
To add 50 ppm, per 5 gallons wine, use 1.89 grams of Sulfite Powder. (that's ~1/4 teaspoon per 5 gallons wine)

(Fall): Racking #1 / Adjust Acidity

- Rack off of the sediment into a clean glass or stainless steel vessel, or barrel.
- Adjust acidity higher, *by taste*, if desired, with *Tartaric Acid*.
- Top up the container and refresh the sulfite solution in your airlocks.

(Winter): Cold Stabilizing

- Now, get your cellar as cold as possible. If possible, refrigerate. This reduces too high acidity and promotes cold stability (no tartrate crystals dropping out in your bottled wine).

(Spring): Racking #2

- After 2 - 3 months, allow cellar to warm to normal.
- Rack again, and add 30 ppms of SO₂.
To add 30 ppm per 5 gallons wine, use 1.14 grams of Sulfite Powder. (that's ~1/8 teaspoon per 5 gallons wine)

(Early Summer - Fall): Racking #3 & Bottling

- In 2 - 3 more months, rack again, and add 30 ppms of SO₂.
To add 30 ppm per 5 gallons wine, use 1.14 grams of Sulfite Powder. (that's ~1/8 teaspoon per 5 gallons wine)

Bottle and Enjoy!