



2025 Cochon Albarino Leake Family Vineyard, Sonoma Coast (90 Cases Produced) (100% Albarino, Organically Grown)

Vineyard: Located in the Sonoma Valley just south of Carneros in the Sonoma Coast appellation lies the Leake Family Vineyard. This small organically farmed vineyard benefits from a cool climate, with cooling breezes off the San Pablo bay and funneled through the Petaluma gap. The vineyard is planted on well-drained gravelly/ sandy clay-loam soils as well as some compressed volcanic ash. This is the 3rd harvest for this tiny one-acre block of Albarino at Leake Family Vineyard. The Galicia region in the northwestern Spain is the birthplace of Albarino, known for producing extremely aromatic, high acid whites prized for pairing with the incredible seafood from the region. We first worked with Albarino in the early years of the winery, and were incredibly impressed in how this unique grape translated to Northern California's climate so we were extremely excited when we heard this rare Sonoma Coast planting was available.

Winemaking: The vintage began with a late spring and transitioned in to a warm summer, we were able to harvest fully ripe, complex Albarino grapes. The pristine fruit from this block was hand picked and brought in to the winery in the early morning hours in early September. The grapes were gently whole cluster pressed to a stainless steel tanks for primary fermentation. A slow, cold fermentation utilizing native yeasts took place over a thirty+ day period after which the wine was transferred to stainless steel tank for 4 months of additional aging on the fine lees to preserve the wines purity and freshness. We kept the wine from undergoing malolactic fermentation to maintain balance, zest and the wines natural acidity without taking away from its crispness and minerality.

The Wine: Displays a bright greenish hue with delicate aromas of citrus blossoms, honeydew and notes of just-ripe white peaches. The flavors follow the aromatics with plenty of citrus fruit, lime and stone fruit dance on the palate with just a hint of salinity. This elegant wine is light to medium-bodied, crisp and lively with a racy profile. Displaying a deft balance of fruit, tremendous purity with a focused energy as well as a lifted acidity and bright flavors culminating in a dry, stony, mineral finish.

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