



2022 ALBARIÑO



"Wines made for people who work hard but enjoy playing harder."

EDGAR TORRES

ABOUT ALBARIÑO

Blend: 100% Albariño

Vineyard & AVA: Lago Vineyard, Templeton Gap

Alcohol: 12%

Aging: Drink now through 2024

Accolades:

VISION

My vision has always been to show new wine drinkers and seasoned connoisseurs alike that their favorite wine might be one they haven't tried yet, made with fruit they might not have ever heard of. My passion for wine has enabled me to travel to Spain many times, and explore their many wine regions extensively. The history there is incredibly vast and deep, with each region honoring their own unique traditions and the land upon which they sit. The wines they make are incredible and so great justice to their unique composition of soils and climate. Each time I come back home to Paso, I realize that while our roads and buildings and culture is very different here in California, the land feels eerily similar. Our climate, our soils, and our vineyards feel more similar to Spain than they feel different.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 vintage will be remembered by low yields because of another extremely light rainfall winter as well as an extreme heat event in September and the earliest start to harvest across the entire AVA. Budbreak was in the first week of March for many and a mild frost season helped keep this early budbreak follow through into flowering without too much pressure. Late Spring brought abnormally windy and cool weather producing challenging conditions for fruit set. The introduction to summer was welcomed with great wine grape growing weather and only a few days hitting the 100-degree mark. With the great start, canopies were full, healthy, and ready for the rest of the vintage's tough temps. July brought our typical warm weather with cool nights.

The Labor Day heat was the biggest challenge. There were two heat waves which affected this earlier than normal harvest season. The first heatwave, August 12 to 19 ranged from 100 – 108 degrees. There was a small reprieve for 11 days until the big heatwave, which was from August 31 to September 9, which had a low of 105 and max of 115 degrees. To make growing conditions even more challenging, a rain event occurred just a week after the last heat wave.

VINIFICATION

Fermented and aged on lees and aged for 7 months in stainless steel

TASTING NOTES

On the nose this wine greets you with lemon blossoms, pear, and honeysuckle followed by intriguing hints of golden apple and Thai basil. The palate is well balanced with a slight creamy texture and a finish that showcases the wine's ample acidity.