



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2015 “Stewart Ranch” Albariño

Production: 445 cases
Composition: 100% Albarino
Vineyard: Stewart Ranch
Appellation: Napa Valley
Elevation: Valley floor
Cooperage: Stainless Steel
Alcohol: 13.2%, TA 0.72 g/L, pH: 3.38
Bottled: January 20, 2016
Release date: April 2016
Release price: \$28.00

Stewart Ranch in Carneros has its toes in the estuary south of Napa, and stays cool and breezy. Due to the drought, the warm temperatures, and the small crops in 2015, these grapes ripened early and were picked on August 29th at 21.6 brix. We fermented the grapes in stainless steel with Top Floral yeast. Albarino itself is an uncommon variety in California, but it is well known in Spain where it is grown in Galicia. Its zippy, acidity and light floral notes make it a natural companion to tapas and fresh seafood.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:

Aromas of fragrant lilac and Mexican vanilla with light lychee notes. True Albarino acidity greets the palate, but the center is balanced and has a lively orange flower water-gin fizz creamy flavor.