

Minus Tide

2023 Chenin Blanc Sterling Ranch, Mendocino County



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Tasting Notes: Right off the bat, this fresh and balanced Chenin Blanc shows notes of flint and apple skin aromas. On the palate, the weight and fruit concentration are balanced by elegant natural acidity. Quince and pear, with just the right touch of appealing reduction, make this a complex yet generously satisfying wine. A clean and dry finish with wonderful length adds to the mouthwatering nature of this exciting new wine.

The Vineyard: Sterling Ranch – Talmage, Mendocino County AVA

Originally planted in 1980, Sterling Ranch is located in the Talmage benchland on the eastern edge of the Ukiah Valley. With gravelly loam soils, this site is farmed organically and sits on a gradual slope at elevations of 690-770ft.

Winemaking: Native yeast. Whole-cluster pressed. Fermented and aged in neutral French oak puncheons on the lees for 5 months.

Vintage: Following a wet winter, the late budbreak of 2023 led to a long, cool, and dry growing season with good yields and extended hangtime, allowing us to pick precisely when we wanted. Leading to wines of balance and full flavors at lower sugars and restrained alcohol, 2023 is marked as a superior vintage of excellent quality.

Technical Details:

Composition: 100% Chenin Blanc

pH: 3.05

TA: 7.4 g/L

Brix at harvest: 21.5

Alcohol: 13.4%

81 cases produced

SRP: \$32