

OUT TO THE MEADOW 2023

66% Chenin blanc, 15% Trousseau gris, 11% Vermentino, 6% Green Hungarian, 2% Chasselas Doré · Suisun Valley · 83 cases



VINEYARD

King Vineyard, Fairfield, Suisun Valley; historic field blend; grown with compost teas and without pesticides and herbicides; clay soils.

VINIFICATION

Direct-to-press field blend (all varieties hand-harvested together) was first settled overnight and then racked off gross juice lees to co-ferment and age on fine lees in neutral oak barrique for 6 months. Unfined. Unfiltered. Sediment expected.

MARTHA'S NOTE

I feel very lucky to work with this one-of-a-kind parcel in Suisun Valley. Matthew Rorick of Forlorn Hope Wines researched what a historic Californian white field blend would have been comprised of, then took cuttings from some of the few remaining vineyards still growing these grapes before the vines were pulled out of the ground, and convinced grower Roger King to create this “library block” from them. Matthew passed the torch to me and I now work with this small block exclusively. I named the wine after the landowner and farmer, Roger King, who came down from the mountain after a youth of skiing, and went ‘out to the meadow’ to grow wine grapes. Roger has been enthusiastically farming it for 30 years. After naming the wine I found a Tom Waits interview where he uses the expression “We went out to the meadow” to describe a synergistic collaboration among musicians. This makes sense. I think the grape varieties all have a synergy when co-fermented, and Roger has also been the most collaborative grower I have ever worked with.

AT BOTTLING

(February 2024): 12% alc/vol · Free SO₂ < 2 mg/L, Total SO₂ 21 mg/L · Less than 1 g/L sugar (dry) · All wines are vegan

Martha Stoumen



All of our wines are fermented with native yeast and bacteria, are vegan, and have no additions beyond minimal effective sulfites for some wines, as listed.