BROC CELLARS | 2018 HAPPI CHENIN BLANC

VARIETAL: 100% Chenin Blanc  
VINEYARD: Frei Vineyard  
LOCATION: Solano County, Green Valley  
ALCOHOL: 11.5%  
TOTAL PRODUCTION: 810 cases

WINEMAKER’S NOTES:

Happī means Happy in Japanese! This year our Solano County Green Valley Chenin Blanc felt different – so we wanted to give it a new name to describe the feeling. The grapes were direct pressed, fermented and aged in a mix of neutral French oak and sandstone jars. The wine was aged for 10 months with no filtration. 100% malolactic fermentation.

VITICULTURAL AREA:

Frei Vineyard is located in Solano County’s Green Valley. The area is a small pocket of land, about 3 miles long and a mile wide – tucked between the southeastern edge of Suisun Valley. These are newly grafted vines onto what was originally Pinot Gris. The Chenin cuttings come from vines planted in 1979 from Story Vineyard in Amador County. This is our third vintage producing Chenin Blanc from these vines.

At Broc Cellars, all of our wines are made using spontaneous fermentation, a process that means we only use native yeasts and bacteria that exist on the grapes in order to make wine. We don’t add anything – this includes nutrients, yeast, bacteria, enzymes, tannins or other popular fermentation agents. Sulphur is a naturally occurring element in all wine, the amount found can vary. We add little to no S02, depending on the wine and style.