



RED MARE WINES

2017 . Alpha Mare White . Napa Valley

Aromas here are reflective of the warmer vintage, with honeyed beeswax, Gewürztraminer-like spicy florals, ripe stone fruit and the suggestion of fresh cut straw. Once in the mouth, these characters are balanced with lifted, delicate and complex notions of melon and peach tea. The beautiful arc is grounded by an undercurrent of fleshy roundness and warmth creating a lovely mid-palate retention which resolves into a clean uplifting finish. This complex and mercurial wine will easily carry you from aperitif through an entire meal seamlessly.

2017 Vintage Notes:

The white harvest is always a blissfully optimistic time of the vintage, it was even more so in retrospect because of the 2017 rollercoaster to come. The memory of the water-stressed years, an odd spring hailstorm, and smattering of 100F+ days had yielded to a welcome string of cooler, more moderate days with a thick marine layer lasting through mid-morning. The rewards of this sweet relief are reflected in the glass. After all, allowing time for flavor development and the retention of acid is the name of the game for Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc. 2017 delivered.

Vineyard & Winemaking Notes:

Alpha Mare White was born out of our love of White Bordeaux. We source our fruit from the heart of the Coombsville AVA, in a vineyard named after the Greek goddess, Hestia. Protected by a copse of trees on one side and wild chaparral on the other, this small vineyard is located in a low-lying swale of gravelly well-drained soils. Keeping the crop load very low and harvesting these grapes before the heat of the summer is the key to protecting this wine's freshness. We harvest at night by hand and then press the grapes in a long slow press cycle. We worked closely with our favorite Bordelaise cooperage to create a unique barrel specifically designed to support the fruit and mouth feel of this very special wine. Our Alpha Mare White is aged "sur lie" for 18 months. During that time, it develops exceptional complexity and stability. The wine has freshness depth and grace. This complex wine has been built to last.

Production: 152 cases
TA: 6.75 g/L
pH: 3.32
Alc: % 14.2
100% French Oak

Vineyard or Appellation Breakdown:
100% Hestia Vineyard ~ Sauvignon Blanc
(A blend of Church and Musqué Clone)