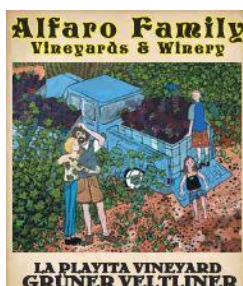


2016 La Playita Vineyard Estate Gruner Veltliner



The Vineyard:

Named for its sandy loam soil, La Playita Vineyard (“little beach” in Spanish) encompasses 1.25 acres. South facing and sitting at approximately 500’ elevation next to a seasonal stream, the vineyard is at the coolest spot on the Alfaro farm. When planted in 2008, there were only about 10 acres of Gruner Veltliner in all of California; today there are approximately 200 acres planted.

The Vintage:

Springtime rains during flowering made for low crop levels but exceptional quality fruit. The grapes were hand harvested on September 2, 2016.

Winemaking:

The grapes were whole cluster pressed into a stainless steel tank and fermented at 55 degrees for 4 weeks. Fermentation was spontaneous and slow due to the low fermentation temperature. Upon finishing primary fermentation the wine was prohibited from going through secondary fermentation to preserve its natural acidity. At this point the wine was racked into neutral oak barrels and aged for 6 months. The wine was bottled, unfined and lightly filtered in April 2017.

The Wine: This dry, crisp and zesty white wine is made from the most widely planted grape in Austria. Medium bodied and pale greenish/straw colored, it boasts the citrusy flavors of lime, lemon zest and grapefruit, with savory notes of white pepper. It’s a sommelier favorite for pairing with tricky vegetables like asparagus and artichokes --try this wine with Asian dishes, lighter meats like poultry, pork or veal, seafood, shellfish, savory soups and vegetable dishes.

Technical Data:

Production	47 cases	Release Date	May 2018
Alcohol	13%	Aging	6 months in neutral oak
Brix	21.5	pH	3.25
TA	.75	Suggested Retail	\$25.00