



CASTORO

CELLARS

OAKENSHIELD

2022 ALBARIÑO



The 2022 Albariño is from our organically certified Double Black Vineyard in Paso Robles. This wine brings minerality, acidity, and tropical fruit characteristics. True to its Northern Spanish heritage, this wine is delicate, but robust. The Oakenshield wines are a special bottling by Niels and Bimmer produced to celebrate the spirit of the good life and to honor friends and family both past and present.

- NIELS & BIMMER UDSEN, Founders

HARVEST NOTES:

After 40 harvests one would think all possibilities would have been exhausted and there would be repeat scenarios. I may have to do another 40 to see that happen! Vintage 2022 started with enormous potential for an average yield but with superior quality. The spring was warm, bloom and set saw no bad weather and the summer began perfectly. Our cluster counts were good, and the weather portended for an early harvest. But...there is always a but, just as the berries were sizing up a tremendous heat wave settled in over California and the vines struggled; the berries stayed small, and the yields shrunk. Harvest was still early. The resulting wines though are looking amazing with deep color and wonderful ripe fruit flavors. Our grapes stood up to Mother Nature to bring you bright whites with tons of flavor and reds of uncompromising complexity.

WINEMAKER NOTES:

This wine's distinctive and intense characteristics can easily stand alone. Grapes are harvested at low to moderate sugar to keep alcohol low and freshness high. A gentle pressing is followed by a cool fermentation with a yeast strain renowned for its ability to generate floral and fruit-like aromas. Fermentation occurs in stainless steel tanks with refrigeration to retain the fermentation bouquet and protect the wine from oxidation. After stabilization and clarification, the wine was bottled young, within 8 months of harvest.

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Pale gold hue

AROMA: Peach, citrus and floral notes

PALATE: Melon, green apple, and lemon notes with crisp acidity

TECHNICAL NOTES:

VINEYARD SOURCES: Double Black & Stone's Throw AVA: Paso Robles

HARVEST DATE: September 09, 2022 HARVEST SUGAR: 22.2° brix

BOTTLING DATE: April 13, 2022

ALCOHOL: 12.5% TA: 0.67 g. 100ml pH: 3.47

