

2015 Chenin Blanc Buddha's Dharma Vineyard Mendocino County

Planted in 1944 just north of the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas this vineyard is exceptional. Dry farmed without chemicals at the base of Enlightenment Mountain in gravelly volcanic soils. We are amazed at the concentration and intensity in the fruit from these vines. We purchase a great deal of fruit from the vineyard for a Wind Gap wine called Soif. Old-Vine varieties including Valdeguie, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah & Carignan, but it is the Chenin Blanc that we think is the jewel in the crown.

100% Chenin Blanc
100% Buddhas Dharma Vineyard
100% Whole Cluster Pressed
50% crushed by foot for overnight skin contact
Fermented in Stainless Steel, Concrete & neutral French Oak barrels
Aged in neutral French Oak Barrels for 10 months
3.21 pH
12.3% Alc By Vol

Tasting Note:

Aromatic & intense with classic Chenin Blanc aromas of wet wool, crushed flowers, minerals, beeswax and white pepper. Bone-dry and mineral laden with a kiss of tannin, this is a serious oyster wine.

91pts (Vinous, Antonio Galloni, Jan. 2017)