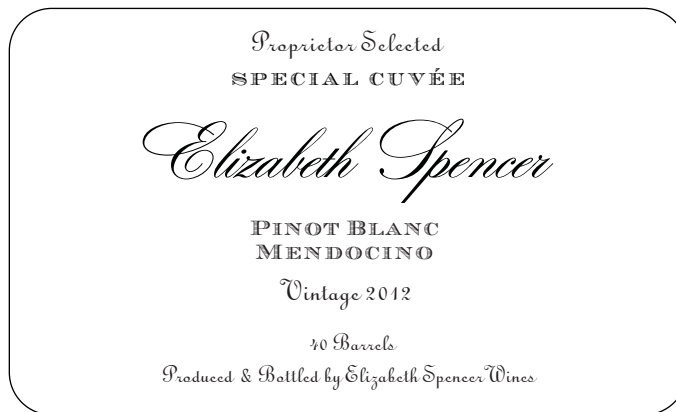


2012 ELIZABETH SPENCER PINOT BLANC, MENDOCINO



APPELLATION: MENDOCINO
VARIETAL BLEND: 100% PINOT BLANC
PRODUCTION: 40 BARRELS
DIRECTOR OF WINEMAKING: SPENCER GRAHAM

WINEMAKER NOTES

Light green-yellow, complex aromas of citrus fruit and floral layered over notes of freshly cut grass and a touch of wild flower honey. This full-bodied crisp Pinot Blanc has forward fruity flavors with impressions of stone fruits and pear, along with floral notes. There are also notes of honeysuckle, green apple and a delicate finish of white peach, and a distinct finish with a heady minerality.

WINEMAKING

We have always loved the complexity and aromatics we get from the white varieties grown in the Mendocino Appellation. 2012 was a classic growing season for delicate varieties such as Pinot Blanc. With the warm weather pattern that year, the flavors developed early but the cool nights kept acid levels high, essential for flavor balance. Our winemaking approach is to guide the flavorful grapes through fermentation while ensuring that we are highlighting the delicious fruit flavors and lovely crispness.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The typical weather pattern of cool nights and warm days during the growing season contribute rich, full flavors to the wines grown in this region. The white varieties produced in the Redwood Valley Appellation have a near-perfect acid to pH balance, with wonderfully intense fruit flavors of apple, pear, citrus, with a crisp, and a characteristic clean, long finish.

FUN FACT

Located eight miles north of Ukiah, the Redwood Valley was originally known as Basil when the railroad line was first extended to this area. It was renamed the Redwood Valley when the post office opened in 1920. Dating back to the late 1880's, winegrowers have sought to plant vinifera grapes in the benchlands above the headwaters of the Russian River in this area where the red soils are well-drained and climate allows the grapes to ripen slowly. Pinot Blanc is understood to be a genetic variant of Pinot Noir.

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