



2016 Chardonnay Bald Mountain Vineyard



The Vineyard

Bald Mountain Vineyard, located in Bonny Doon, is owned and farmed by Jim Beauregard. Planted in 1990, the 40 acre vineyard sits at an elevation of 920 to 1050 feet on a southwest facing slope. Monterey Bay marine influences combine with the rare white Zayante soil to produce wines with minerality and striking acidity

American Viticultural Area

Ben Lomond Mountain

Varietal Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Vine age: 1990

Harvest: September 20th, 2016 at 23 Brix

Bottled: August 2017

Aging: 10 months in 25% New French Oak

ALC 12.1%

Fermentation: Native Yeast

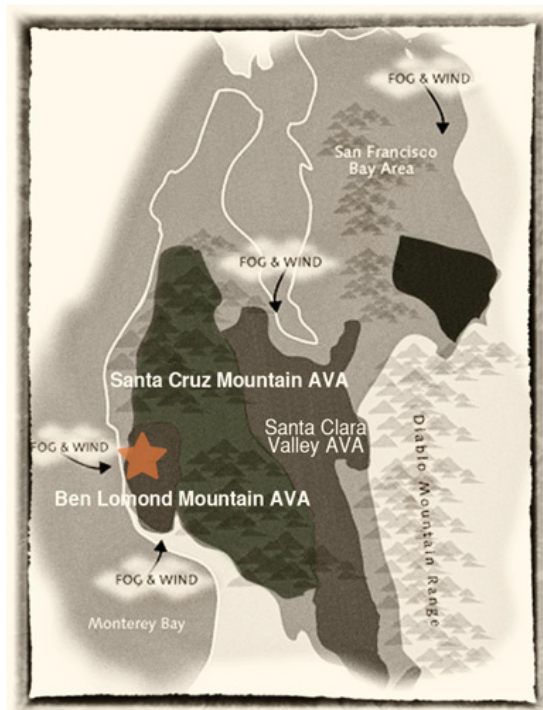
Production: 298 Cases Produced

Tasting notes by consulting Master

Sommelier Ian Cauble

Light golden yellow core with a touch of green and yellow reflections on the rim. I will start by saying this is my personal favorite Bald Mountain Chardonnay I have tasted in the last decade, and the wine tastes more like the famous white wines of Burgundy than ever before. In this vintage Ryan has removed any new oak and harvested a touch earlier. This has allowed the purity of the fruit from Bald Mountain to shine, and delivers a tasting experience not too different than a serious Meursault, one of the most famous sites for Chardonnay production in France. The nose is gently perfumed with notes of white flowers, honeysuckle, yellow apple, meyer lemon, stirred lees, raw hazelnut, a touch of oyster shells and wet white rocks. The palate is medium-plus in body, with a touch of oiliness, with a refreshing acidity which frames the wine perfectly. On the palate the wine has flavors similar to the nose with notes of crunchy asian pear, lime pith, lemon blossoms, yellow apples, wet stones and a savory mushroom / saline accent on the finish. This wine will get better and better with time and I firmly believe this wine should be rested for at least 2-3 more years for it to really hit its stride. This is the most age worthy example of Chardonnay I have tasted from Beauregard to date and I can't wait to taste a bottle in 10 years!

The Ben Lomond Mountain AVA



The Ben Lomond Mountain AVA (American Viticultural Area) is located in Santa Cruz County, CA on the Western edge of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Vineyards were first planted on the mountain in the 1860's, but the area did not become famous for Pinot Noir until the 1970's. The four by sixteen-mile AVA reaches altitudes as high as 2,600 feet above sea level, placing it above much of the fog that rolls in from the Pacific Ocean, ensuring long hours of sunlight.

The elevation and ocean proximity ensure a cool climate, where grapes can ripen over an extended growing season. Wines are highly structured, have good minerality and are extremely age worthy.