



# MORGAN

CRAFTING HIGHLANDS' HISTORY



## 2020 ALBARINO

<i>appellation:</i>	ARROYO SECO
<i>vineyard:</i>	MISSION RANCH
<i>soil:</i>	ARROYO SECO GRAVELLY SANDY LOAM
<i>climate:</i>	COOL TO MODERATE, REGION III (UCD)
<i>alcohol:</i>	13.0%
<i>acidity:</i>	6.8 G/L
<i>ph:</i>	3.25
<i>cooperage:</i>	BARREL AGED FOR FIVE MONTHS IN FRENCH AND HUNGARIAN OAK, 16% NEW
<i>production:</i>	183 CASES
<i>retail price:</i>	\$24.00

### PLACE

Located on the west side of the Salinas Valley, the Arroyo Seco appellation is uniquely characterized by an ancient riverbed (arroyo seco means 'dry river') surrounded by alluvial benchlands. Well-drained, stone-laden soil and cool coastal influence from nearby Monterey Bay yield grapes with concentrated flavor and balanced acidity.

The fruit for this Morgan release is sourced from the Mission Ranch vineyard in the Arroyo Seco AVA. Here daytime temperatures reach the mid to upper 80's, but are mitigated by fog and wind drawn south from Monterey Bay. The moderate days and cool evenings extend the growing season, resulting in fruit of superior flavor and balance.

### VINTAGE

Plentiful rainfall in the winter and spring months contributed to good growth conditions and bud break early in the 2020 season. Cold and windy conditions during bloom in late May moderately reduced crop sizes. Summer saw typical weather with warmer weeks as harvest approached. Vine and cluster health were excellent, with high-quality, clean fruit.

### WINE

Traditionally grown in Spain and Portugal, Albarino has been gaining in popularity in California as a refreshing, crisp, and fragrant "alternative" varietal.

The grapes were hand-picked and whole cluster pressed to stainless steel tanks for a cool fermentation, retaining freshness and bright fruit flavors. After fermentation, the wine was barrel aged for five months in French and Hungarian oak, of which 16% was new.

The 2020 Albarino displays a beautiful straw color with aromas of lemon blossom followed by hints of green apple and green mango. On the palate, these elements are joined by flavors of citrus and subtle toast. This is a medium-light bodied white that's delicious as an aperitif or paired with your favorite fresh shellfish.

