



United Cellars



LA MAREA

Albariño 2020

Kristy's Vineyard, Monterey County

VINEYARDS

Kristy Vineyard, within western bench over the Salinas River on an alluvial fan of broken siliceous/calcareous sediments. Special site, vineyard reaches full phenological ripeness at low potential alcohol and bright natural acidity due to abundant California sunshine, cold desert nights and near constant coastal breezes off the Monterey Bay.

WINEMAKING

Picked with low sugars and vigorous natural acidity. Whole cluster pressed. Cold fermented in stainless steel to preserve minerality, aromatics and freshness. Secondary fermentation is arrested. Aged on lees four months. Sterile filtered. We eschewed any skin contact this year due to smoke taint concerns.

TASTING NOTE

Strong Salinas Valley winds, help to support, this true-to-varietal Albariño. Lively and bright aromatics fill the nose, lemon/ lime, followed by stone fruit, white peach, minerality on the palate, tying it all together, racy acidity. The briny, salty, savoriness continues in the enduring finish.

PRESS & ACCOLADES

92 points - vintage 2020 - *Wine Enthusiast*

91 points - vintage 2019 - *Wine Enthusiast*

91 points - vintage 2018 - *Wine Enthusiast*

90 points - vintage 2017 - *Wine Enthusiast*

90 points - vintage 2012 - *Wine Enthusiast*

PRODUCER
I Brand & Family Winery

ORIGIN
*Monterey County
California*

APPELLATION
Central Coast

WINEMAKER
Ian Brand

VARIETIES
100% Albariño

AGING
4 months aged on lees

AGE OF VINES
15 Years

ELEVATION
50 to 850 m

SOIL
*Alluvial fan of broken siliceous/calcareous
sediments*

ALCOHOL CONTENT
11.9 %

FARMING
Sustainable practices