

# LA MAREA ALBARINO, KRISTY VINEYARD



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From Kristy Vineyard in Monterey County, California, which is within the western bench over the Salinas River on an alluvial fan of broken siliceous/calcareous sediments. This is a special site, the 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 of Monterey Bay. Sustainable farming. Picked with low sugars and vigorous natural acidity. Two-thirds were whole cluster pressed and the remaining one-third was crushed with two days of skin contact. Cold fermented in stainless steel to preserve minerality, aromatics, and freshness. Secondary fermentation is arrested. Aged on lees for four months. Sterile filtered.

*La Marea* (The Tide), made by Ian Brand of Le P'tit Paysan, is a tiny winery focused on single vineyard Spanish varieties "rooted in the sea, the soil and the sea air". Brand believes Monterey and San Benito to be some of the most ideally suited climates in California for Spanish varieties like Albariño, Grenache (Garnacha) and Mourvedre (Monastrell). The proximity to the cool ocean waters of Monterey Bay provides an optimal climate for Albarino while the warmer San Antonio and San Benito Valleys closely resemble the Spanish regions where these grapes thrive. This region, once the site of a shallow ocean bed millions of years ago, is one of the few spots in California with a high percentage of limestone found in the soil which gives the wines a high naturally acidity.

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## Tasting Note:

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