

JOLIE-LAIDE TROUSSEAU GRIS, FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD, SONOMA COUNTY



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Some skin contact lends an incandescent, roseate hue, breadth of palate and subtle tannin. Crushed by foot and left to macerate whole cluster for a few days, then pressed and naturally fermented in neutral puncheons and stainless steel followed by all neutral barrique élevage.

Jolie-Laide, founded in 2010 by Scott and Jenny Schultz is a small art house winery based out of Sonoma County, California. The name translates loosely to Pretty-Ugly, a French term of endearment to describe something that is unconventionally beautiful. The duo are co-owners, co-operators and co-winemakers who amassed years of critical working experience at many reputable wineries both in California and internationally. Considered *avant-garde* for challenging the status quo and respected as the vanguard of the "New California"- a movement to bring a more European sensibility of natural winemaking and championing unique yet classic varieties that are relatively unknown here in the United States. Their winemaking ethos is simple: low intervention, naturally minded and less is more. It is their unique ability to seek out spectacular vineyards- triangulating cooler sites, compelling soils and working with pioneering growers, leading to consistently delicious wines. As Scott says, *"The do-nothing approach isn't new by any means; it's just funny how far many have gotten away from it."*

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