

# JOLIE-LAIDE MELON DE BOURGOGNE, CHALONE, CALIFORNIA



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The Melon hails from an 1800 ft elevation site planted in 1985 on south facing decomposed granite and limestone soils of the Chalone appellation. The vineyard is located on the east side of Salinas Valley overlooking Monterey where days are warm and nights are cool with just the right coastal influence. The combination of high elevation mineral rich soils with healthy drainage and California sunshine creates the perfect grapes for us to produce a fresh white wine inspired by those of the same variety from the Eastern Loire Valley. Fruit was harvested overnight when the air is coolest and delivered to the winery early in the morning. The grapes were whole cluster pressed to a combination of concrete eggs and stainless steel where they underwent spontaneous fermentation and eventual sur lie 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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