

Union Sacré | “Elsass” Riesling

Santa Barbara County AVA | 2019



Varietal: 100% Riesling

Region: Central Coast, CA

Winemaker: Xavier
Arnaudin

Vines Age: 10 years

Production: 1,730 cases

Farming: Certified
Sustainable

Soil: Betteravia Sandy Loam

The Story: Xavier Arnaudin is a name you will know, and I have to thank Andrew Jones from Field Recordings for introducing me. I told Andrew I wanted to find someone special in California. Someone who was making amazing wines that no one knew about and that I would love, and also a person that would be great to work with. He knew exactly the person I was looking for. As a young man Xavier trained to be a boxer in France and then began to train to work the vineyards and harvest in 1997 with Alain Voge. During this time, he also worked as a sommelier and earned his WSET Diploma. Once he had several harvests and his diploma under his belt, he completed his enology studies and moved to the US. Xavier brings an old-world approach to his vineyard management, cellar, and winemaking. He also brings a willingness to be different and the confidence to let his fruit and his wines speak for themselves. He is making very small amounts of very striking wines. Xavier was making wines, mostly, from Rhone/Burgundy grapes, both here and in France. Tiny Production!!

Vineyard: Kick-on Ranch is a small vineyard located to the northwest of Sta. Rita Hills in California. It is one of the coolest and windiest sites in Santa Barbara County.

Vinification: Fermented at 50 F. for 3 weeks. Unfiltered. 100% destemmed. Skin contact for 18 hours.

Ageing: Aged in Puncheon for 7 months.

Everything else you want to know about this wine: Elsass has been a long time dream of Union Sacre. The name refers to the Elsassian French vernacular. This Riesling is produced in a dry Kabinett style and just as the Elsass language is born and unique to people and a place, so too is this Riesling. It is table-ready and versatile.

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