

Ernest Vineyards

Henry David Vineyard / Aligoté 2021

Bennett Valley

THE VINEYARD: Sourced from the 18-acre Henry David Vineyard in Sonoma County's Bennett Valley appellation, this small planting of Aligoté, less than one acre, is known to be perhaps only the third after Josh Jensen's Mt. Harlan Vineyard.

WINEMAKING: Into their 8th year of production, these vines hung through cool weather and a large heat spike while solidly maintaining acidity. Picking later than we ever have at this site, the alcohol remains consistent with previous vintages. In the cellar we pressed high pressure to pull out texture to balance the acid, We racked after 3 days, to neutral 500L puncheons, for fermentation on native yeasts. This wine was aged for 16 months on lees through cool temp malolactic. Racked and bottled unfiltered with minimal sulfur.

TASTING NOTES: A brilliant pale-yellow wine with golden hues. Possesses a delightful, yet discreet aromatic profile, with notes of oyster shell, mint, white nectarines, unripe peaches, and a hint of reduction. On the palate, the mouthwatering acidity is laced with abundant sour orchard fruits and mineral. The texture is absolutely clean, crisp, and refreshing. The approach is naturalistic with the wine being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

APPELLATION: BENNETT VALLEY
AGING: NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK
LENGTH: 11 MONTHS

ALC. BY VOL: 11.2%
CASES PRODUCED: 110
CLONES: CALERA

WINEMAKER: JOSEPH RYAN
HARVEST DATE: 9.12.2021
HARVEST BRIX: 18.8°

