

Ernest Vineyards

Alder Springs Vineyard / Petite Arvine 2022

Mendocino County

THE VINEYARD: Alder Springs Vineyard is known for producing exceptional fruit, specifically focusing on Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, and Rhone and some of the lesser known varietals like our Petite Arvine and Trousseau. Alder is a 6,000 acre ranch (only about 140 acres are planted) in Northern Mendocino, just 10 miles from the Pacific Ocean and ranging from 1,700 to 2,700 feet of elevation. Our rows are in transition to becoming organically farmed in this high altitude coastal vineyard.

TASTING NOTES: Our 2022 Alder Springs Petite Arvine offers a discreet aromatic profile with floral and fruity notes, including Asian pears, lychee, and cantaloupe, followed by exotic aromas of Jackfruit, papaya, and pink grapefruit, with underlying mineral notes. The palate is clean, refreshing, and subtly sweet, featuring candied kumquats, tangerines, hints of tree sap, and pine needles. It shows no oak influence, ensuring a pure expression of the varietal. Fresh acidity and mineral components lead to a long, pleasant finish, with floral tones emerging over time.

ALC. BY VOL: 13.2%

AGING: 35% NEW FRENCH OAK

LENGTH: 15 months

WINEMAKER: JOSEPH RYAN

CASES PRODUCED: 130

CLONES: 1.1

HARVEST BRIX: 22.4

