



Atrea The Choir 2016

Vintage and Release Information

Mendocino County White Wine 2016

Bottling Date: March 2, 2017

Release Date: March 21, 2017

Production of 720 cases

Blend Composition/Technical Data

70% Viognier, 30% Roussanne

14.3% alcohol by volume

6.1 g/L titratable acidity

pH 3.47

Vineyards and Harvest

The Roussanne was sourced from our sustainably farmed, estate-grown Kyli's Vineyard. The Viognier was sourced from our neighbor's Lakeview Vineyard in the Sanel Valley. The 2016 harvest was marked by below average rainfall and an even growing season, yielding intensely concentrated fruit, particularly notable in, and favorable to, these Rhone Valley varietals. We picked the Viognier on September 27, with the Roussanne following just four days later on October 1, 2016.

Winemaking and Cooperage

The grapes were whole-cluster pressed. The settled juice was barrel fermented with 50% in small stainless barrels and 50% in neutral French oak. The wine did not undergo malolactic fermentation and remained *sur lie* for three months with bi-monthly *batonnage*.

Winemaker Alex MacGregor's Comments

Medium-deep gold in color, our 2016 Choir shows sun-ripened stone fruit and wildly fragrant honeysuckle aromatics. The palate echoes those notes with a clean, refreshing texture and a fleshy exuberance. Enjoy this wine in the warmth of the sun on a lovely late spring or summer afternoon. It pairs beautifully with fresh fruit of the season, ripe soft cheeses, or simple grilled fish or chicken.