



## Atrea The Choir 2011

### Vintage and Release Information

Mendocino County White Wine 2011  
Bottled March 29, 2012  
Release Date: July 15, 2012  
Production of 821 cases

### Blend Composition/Technical Data

54% Roussanne, 46% Viognier  
13.4% alcohol by volume  
0.58 titratable acidity  
pH 3.54

### Press

*Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 89 pts.*

### Vineyards and Harvest

The grapes were sourced from three organically farmed vineyards: our estate grown Kyli's Roussanne bench block; Lakeview Vineyards' Roussanne in the Sanel Valley; and Lolonis Vineyards' 35-year-old dry farmed Viognier in Redwood Valley. A late bud break made for another challenging harvest with the last block picked on October 25. Both cluster size and berry weights were well below average, giving added concentration and depth to the finished wine.

### Winemaking and Cooperage

The grapes were whole-cluster pressed. The wine was barrel fermented with 40% of the juice in small stainless barrels and 60% in neutral French oak. (No malolactic fermentation.) The wine remained *sur lie* for three months with bi-monthly *batonnage*.

### Winemaker Alex MacGregor's Comments

The nose reveals the honey and bees wax notes typical of Roussanne, while the Viognier contributes aromas of ripe peach and apricot. The palate carries similar flavors with emphasis on stone fruits. The wine has a balanced richness without any malolactic influence and offers enough bright natural acidity to invite a delicious second glass. Enjoy a glass on the patio or with shellfish or spicy Asian fare.