



Atrea The Choir 2012

Vintage and Release Information

Mendocino County White Wine 2012
Bottling Date: March 27, 2013
Release Date: February 1, 2014
Production of 609 cases

Blend Composition/Technical Data

57% Roussanne, 43% Viognier
13.2% alcohol by volume
6.2g/L titratable acidity
pH 3.63

Press

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

Vineyards and Harvest

The Roussanne was sourced from our organically farmed, estate-grown Kyli's Vineyard. The Viognier hails from our neighbor Nelson Family Vineyard's organically farmed old vine block and from Lakeview Vineyards, a perennial contributor to our blend. This vintage of 2012 was a charm for Rhone Valley whites, with a long, warm, even-ripening growing season and ideal conditions at harvest. We began picking the Viognier on September 26 and finished almost a month later with the Roussanne on October 20.

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

Straw gold in color, our 2012 Choir is ripe and intense with a long finish, striking a wonderful balance between rich texture and snappy peach, chamomile and nectarine notes, at once juicy and smooth. It can be a stand-alone sunset sipper or the perfect accompaniment for seared scallops or tuna with a spicy honey citrus glaze. Pairing this versatile, intriguing blend with any mild fish or a spicy, Asian-themed meal will give your meal the "wow" factor.