

Combe Trousseau

Stolpman Vineyards
Ballard Canyon
2022

100% Trousseau
480 case production

Background

Pete Stolpman and Rajat Parr's Esoteric Partnership "Combe" means a "small sheltered valley within a vineyard" in French.

When Rajat Parr began making Chardonnay alongside Stolpman in the Lompoc Wine Ghetto back in 2010, he immediately campaigned to plant Trousseau on Stolpman's Ballard Canyon Limestone soils. Vignerons in Jura seek out Limestone for their Trousseau plantings, and Rajat theorized that Trousseau, a varietal that often has difficulty achieving ripeness, would flourish in the sunny, arid Ballard Canyon wind tunnel.

The latest varietal to be planted for Combe, Savagnin, will make its debut in 2023.

Vineyard

Components
Block 3, 5, 6 Trousseau

Harvest Date
August 26-31

Winery

Vinification
80% Whole cluster native carbonic fermentation, 20% de-stemmed and crushed (2 lots in one tank)

Vatting/Fermentation
Stainless steel fermentation tank

Cooperages & Elevage
Neutral 500L French Vache Forest Puncheons

Sensory

Intense, attractive red fruit and rose petal above a soulful mélange of dark, dense Herbs de Provence, clove, eucalyptus, and tea. In the mouth, the red profile further develops into a torch of flickering reds -raspberry, currant, and dark cherry – followed by a fine crack of white pepper. Liveliness carries the day, as in, the 2022 is living its best life to the max. Under all of the energy lies a concentrated girth and thickness on the palate and even a touch of liqueur and cherry pie filling.

12.5% Alc by Vol.

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