

Combe Vin Gris

**Stolpman Vineyards
Ballard Canyon
2021**

85% Trousseau, 15% Mondeuse
210 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 Sandhi Chardonnay alongside Stolpman in the Lompoc Wine Ghetto back in 2010, he immediately started a campaign 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.

Vineyard

Components
Block 3, 5, 6 Trousseau
Block 4 Mondeuse

Harvest Date
September 15 & 24 for Trousseau
September 24 for Mondeuse

Winery

Vinification
Left whole-cluster un-crushed for one week prior to pressing

Vatting/Fermentation
Sealed stainless steel fermenting tank

Cooperages & Elevage
Neutral 500L French Oak Puncheons for 4 months

Sensory

Glowing blood orange in color. Watermelon backed by tangerine and firm nectarine. Sour cherry and citrus peel cheek honeydew melon on the mid-palate. Max tang and zip with firm flesh. We've chased the dragon of the inaugural "sweet and sour" 2017 vin gris and on our 4th attempt to replicate, this is the closest we've come. The 2021 Vin Gris is the wine the team is most excited to drink reservoir-side this summer once it has opened up and gotten more funky and nuanced.

11% Alc by Vol.

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