

Combe Trousseau

**Stolpman Vineyards
Ballard Canyon
2021**

100% Trousseau
525 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

Harvest Date
September 24, 2021

Winery

Vinification
50% Whole Cluster

Vatting/Fermentation
Open top concrete tank, no sulfur through primary fermentation. One pump over daily, some foot treading, and 3 punch downs total during 12 day native fermentation

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

Sensory

Inviting lavender and milky earl grey tea ride a rhubarb bridge over surging ruby red grapefruit. All the while, Combe Trousseau's steadfast savory undertone - dried herbs and soil - gives a layer of seriousness. Bursting firm cherries and a bright sun-kissed playful mouthfeel carry through the crusading citrus undercarriage before being washed over in the crunchy, high-acid finish.

12.5% Alc by Vol.

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