

Haarmeyer

2020 Aparicio Vineyards Iris Chenin Blanc

Vineyard: Aparicio Vineyard was planted to Zinfandel and Carrignan in 1934 at the top of Ridge Road just outside Sutter Creek CA by Santos Aparicio. The soil is a remnant of a Mehrten mud flow, which is a volcanic conglomerate of iron rich clay and andesite cobbles. This deposit overlies slate and green schists. There is no water on the property whatsoever, so the vines were established by watering them by hand from a barrel that was filled in the creek below and hauled up to the vineyard by mule. In 1973 Joe Aparicio took over for his father and planted Chenin Blanc in the same fashion: own-rooted, head-trained, and watered by hand.

The Cellar: We process this fruit like we do for our other Chenin Blancs: foot trodden, basket pressed, native yeast fermentation, native malolactic fermentation, aged one year su lie until bottling. Minimal effective SO₂.

The Numbers:

Picked August 20

19.0 Brix

3.3 pH

Bottled September 29