LIVELY & ENERGETIC COOL CLIMATE WHITE WINES FROM THE EDNA VALLEY



A NEW SONG RISES FROM THE EARTH. HARMONIOUS WITH A FOCUSED FRESH TEMPO.



# VINT 2020 **band of stones** GRÜNER VELTLINER EDNA VALLEY SIP CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE

Born three generations prior, this is my fate, my quest, my cadre - John H. Niven

### PLACE

One could easily ask the question, Grüner from California...grown at the footsteps to the Pacific? Huh? I say hell yeah! This Grüner comes from a SIP Certified Sustainable single block at the far southwest side of the historic Paragon Vineyard. It's made up of well drained soils with flecks of limestone and an underlying layer of residual material weathered from sandstone, shale, and mudstone. The site sits adjacent to Block 103 which is the source of Cadre's Sauvignon Blanc from pioneering 48 year-old vines. My grandfather planted those Sauvignon Blanc vines in the early 1970's and the vision of the Grüner plantings were spearheaded by my cousin and myself in 2007. Our neighbors thought we were crazy, but we had a hunch that an Edna Valley expression of Grüner Veltliner would turn some heads and indeed it has. Fast forward 14 years and I am beyond stoked on how Grüner has found its home here. In 2020 we started to work with a small Grüner vineyard on the northwest edge of the AVA lines. The vines are planted on one of the steepest sites in the Edna Valley and lie in the direct path of the fierce winds coming of the nearby Pacific.

# AROMATICS

Aromatically, this wine leads with a salty citrus edge with peppery earth tones. This vintage brings floral notes of orange blossom and white flowers. From there is a depth of beautiful citrus driven tropical fruit, reminiscent of squeezing a lime wedge over the fruit of a half cut Papaya. You can't hide the ever so present ripe grapefruit component that we often refer to as Squirt...the infamous grapefruit soda.

### PALATE

This is an intriguing wine. It has a harmonious balance of ripeness but a ton of verve and energy on the palate. A base of salty citrus, ginger and white pepper mingle with grapefruit that all lead to a savory zesty finish drenched in minerality. This wine touches both sides of the Grüner spectrum, bright, fresh and vibrant along with texture and a fullness that showcases what makes Edna Valley white wines unique.

# **STATS**

COMPOSITION AVA VINEYARD VINE AGE FARMING HARVEST DATE FERMENTATION & AGING ML 0% TA 6.4G/L PH 3.21 TOTAL PRODUCTION SUGGESTED RETAIL 100% GRÜNER VELTLINER EDNA VALLEY PARAGON & JACK WEST 14 YEARS SIP CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE 9.25.20, 10.21.20 100% STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTED ALCOHOL 14.2% 596 CASES \$28.00