

ARIL

2015 *Aril* Kick Ranch Sauvignon Blanc



ARIL is a boutique, family owned winery founded in 2008 by Harmon & Joanne Brown.

Originally, they were inspired to produce small lot fine wines sourced from their Napa Valley home and vineyard which included a 130 year old pomegranate tree amongst the vines.

In fact, “*aril*” is the seed of the pomegranate fruit which represents that original inspiration.

Beginning in 2013, renowned winemaker Ehren Jordan took the reins as our head winemaker, viticulturist, and general manager.

Together, ARIL has added limited offerings from celebrated vineyards in Napa and Sonoma Counties.

Throughout, we have maintained a simple philosophy of procuring optimal grapes and respecting them in the winery.

Ideal sites and exceptional farming are followed by a minimalist approach in the winery showcasing place, balance, and elegance.

Winemaking Notes

100% Sauvignon Blanc (*Musqué clone*)

Whole clusters were bladder pressed. The must was then fermented by native yeasts.

Élevage: 20% stainless steel tanks & 80% French oak barrels (15% new) for approximately 10 months.

250 Cases Produced

Alc.: 13.9% pH: 3.70

Winemaker/Viticulturist: Ehren Jordan

Vineyard Notes

Kick Ranch is a geologically diverse sustainably farmed hillside site (certified) on the western side of the northern flank of Spring Mountain which separates Sonoma and Napa Counties. An amazing mix of volcanic, rocky, clay loam vineyard soils contribute a rich minerality. Kick Ranch's vine rows are laid out for perfect sun exposure with a 20 mile vista down to the Petaluma Wind Gap, providing cool nights and foggy mornings preserving acidity, balance and aromatics.

Tasting Notes

This is a truly vibrant, complex expression of Sauvignon Blanc. Aromas of orange blossom, honeysuckle, & candied grapefruit zest explode from the glass. The fleshy, but structured palate adds notes of tangerine, lime, & wet stone culminating in a refreshingly long finish.

Vintage

Handpicked on August, 21st, 2015. The fruit was exceptional showcasing concentration & depth reflective of the vintage. A continuation of the California drought and a unique growing season led to limited yields & extraordinary quality.

