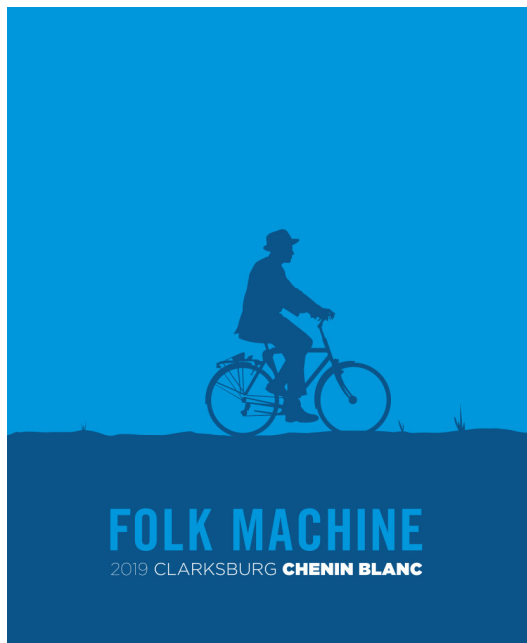


CHENIN BLANC
CLARKSBURG
MERRITT ISLAND
2019

pH: 3.51

TA: 5.9 g/L

Alcohol: 11.8%



LYNN AND I MADE OUR FIRST TRIP TO THE LOIRE VALLEY A LONG TIME AGO. I REMEMBER GETTING OFF THE TRAIN AND WALKING ALL OVER WHATEVER TOWN WE WERE IN LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO RENT A CAR. IT WAS WINTER AND COLD OUTSIDE AND WE NEVER SEEMED TO HAVE ENOUGH CLOTHES TO WEAR. LYNN HAD PICKED UP A NEW SCARF ON THE STREET IN PARIS AND THAT WAS A BIG DEAL. SOMEHOW, WE DID FINALLY FIND A CAR. WE STILL HAD NO IDEA WHERE WE WERE GOING SO WE JUST STARTED CRUISING AROUND. WE QUICKLY FOUND OURSELVES IN MONTLOUIS SUR LOIRE AND VOUVRAY AND IT WAS THERE THAT CHENIN BLANC CAST IT'S SPELL OVER US. THE MINERALITY AND LIGHTNESS WERE SO REFRESHING AND CONTRARY TO THE CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY THAT WE PROBABLY KNEW BETTER AT THE TIME AND WE WERE BLOWN AWAY. IT SEEMED WONDERFUL ON IT'S OWN, WITH ANY FOOD, DRY, SWEET, SPARKLING, HOWEVER IT WAS OFFERED.

A FEW YEARS LATER AND BACK IN CALFORONIA, AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE OUR OWN CHENIN BLANC CAME UP IN AN OLD VINE CENTRAL COAST VINEYARD. WE JUMPED ON THAT AND WORKED WITH THAT VINEYARD FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE IT WAS BOUGHT AND OUR ACCESS TO IT CAME TO AN END. NEXT, WE WORKED WITH A MENDOCINO VINEYARD AND IN 2017, WE MOVED TO OUR THIRD CHENIN VINEYARD, THE WILSON VINEYARD ON MERRITT ISLAND IN CLARKSBURG. NOW, IN OUR THIRD YEAR WITH THIS ORGANICALLY FARMED VINEYARD, WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE MOVE TO CLARKSBURG WAS A GOOD ONE. THIS VINTAGE IS MORE MINERAL AND SAVORY, SIMILAR TO THE 2018, BUT THE ACID IS JUST SLIGHTLY LOWER. NO DOUBT, CALIFORNIA CHENIN BLANC, BUT PURE AND STRAIGHT ON. A TEXTURAL WINE, LUSH IN THE NOSE, LEAN ON THE PALATE.

THE 2019 WAS PICKED AUGUST 26TH AT 19.5°B. WE FERMENTED IN A COMBINATION OF STAINLESS STEEL TANKS AND CONCRETE EGGS. MALOLACTIC WAS NOT BLOCKED, BUT DID NOT COMPLETE. BOTTLED MARCH 2020.

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