

2012 MARSANNE “THE MERMAID”

ALDER SPRINGS VINEYARD
MENDOCINO, CALIFORNIA



THE WINE:

100% Marsanne from the world famous Alder Springs Vineyard. Rarely seen as a 100% varietal wine, the Marsanne grape is native to the Rhone Valley of France. Low yield vines and sustainably grown fruit.

THE ESTATE:

Winemaker Jim Olsen made only 175 cases of this limited production wine. The weather and soil – well-drained decayed sandstone – along with grower Stu Bewley’s painstaking and perfectionistic approach to growing grapes makes Alder Springs one of California’s most highly regarded vineyards. Every vine is tended 13 times each year. At Alder Springs a vine produces just 2 ½ pounds of grapes, enough for a single, spectacular bottle of wine. By contrast, most California growers expect every vine to yield between 10 and 50 pounds of fruit.

TASTING NOTES:

COLOR: A rich, golden-platinum hue.

AROMAS: Extremely fragrant with peach, honeysuckle and tropical fruits.

FLAVORS AND TEXTURE: Rich tropical fruit with hazelnut and honey notes. Viscous and full bodied yet with clean, balanced acidity on the finish.

FOOD PAIRING: Shrimp and pineapple skewers with a honey and soy glaze.

~ DRINK NOW THROUGH 2016 ~