

# Father John Winery

MESNIL SUR BLANC A.V.A. Napa Valley

Father John Wines is dedicated to the late Reverend John Weaver, a renowned Episcopalian priest. Nicholas Maloney, a Sonoma native and John's grandson, operates Father John Wines. He currently lives in Beaune, France having studied at the world-re-nown Lycée Viticole.

Father John was launched in 2010. In California, he works with the Oehlman Vineyard in Graton (Russian River Valley), producing 200 cases in 2012. A Sonoma County Pinot Noir was offered in the 2014 vintage.

Maloney started making a Chardonnay from a single parcel, "Les Larrets Blancs," not far from Corton-Charlemagne and this wine was available in early 2016.



#### COUNTRY

USA

#### VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

#### **SOIL TYPE**

Haire loam

#### **VINEYARD**

Hyde Vineyard Blend of three vineyards Ranch: Valley floor near Boonville Greenwood Ridge Comptche vineyards Combination of Wente and 76 clone

## **HARVEST**

Manual Harvest

### **VINIFICATION**

Vinification 100% direct pressed
Tank fermentation then barreled down
Some remains in stainless steel tanks
Whole bunches
12 months aging on the lees
French oak barrels, 20% new wood

## **TASTING NOTES**

White flowers and mineral on the nose. Apple and citrus fruit on the palate. No oak influence yet a very structured wine with a lot of tension. Upon opening, more complexity is revealed. An amazing example of Chardonnay reminiscent of the top crus of Chablis.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

