



2016 Chardonnay

Perli Vineyard

Mendocino Ridge

This is mountain fruit grown a few miles from the Pacific, among the majestic Redwoods and wildlife in the Potato Patch Block at the remote Perli Vineyards. As Steve Alden, owner and grape grower at Perli says, he is farming in the wilderness.

Appellation: Mendocino Ridge

Vineyard: Perli

Varietal: Chardonnay

Clone: Dijon 76 & Robert Young

Age: Planted 1991 and grafted 2014

Elevation: 2200 ft.

Soil: Clay loam over sandstone bedrock

Harvested: September 12, 2016

Pressed: September 12, 2016

Fermentation: Wild yeasts & bacteria

Barrel aging: 10 months in once used French oak barrels

Bottled: July 28, 2017

Production: 177 cases

Release date: March 2018



Tasting Note:

Juicy green apple, a squeeze of Meyer lemon, and a saltiness that we can't quite place except to describe that tension in the air on a foggy coastal day. The glass evolves with eye opening acidity, and citrus profiles of lemon zest, and buddhas hand. The savory identity is balanced well with tart kumquat flavors and orange zest, with just a touch of crunchy honeydew.