



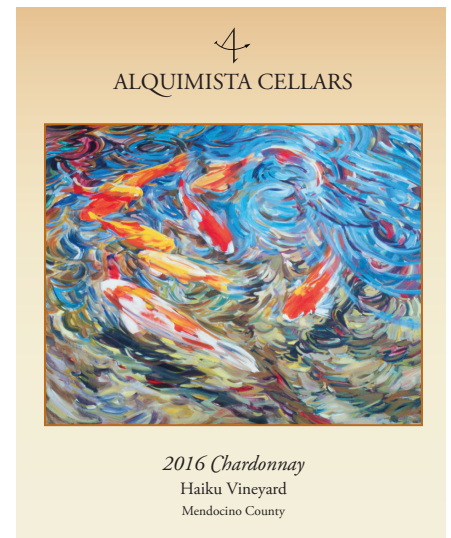
ALQUIMISTA CELLARS

## *Vintage 2016 Haiku Vineyard Chardonnay - Sanel Valley - Sonoma Mountain*

Growing near the headwaters of the Russian River in a narrow valley formed by the river and the Mayacama Mountains, the Haiku Vineyard is defined by both water and the ancient volcanic ridges enclosing it. The soil in our block lies hard against the hills and is the product of thousands of years of major flood events carrying volcanic rock and soil down the river, depositing the cobbles/mixed alluvium of classic Mendocino benchland.

Haiku (Ukiah backwards, the closest town) has been organically farmed by Mary Fetzer and now her son Tyler, collectively for over 4 decades. When Mary needed someone to bring the vineyard into its next phase of life, son Tyler answered the call. Coming from a Silicon Valley background, Tyler has returned to his agrarian family roots and now raises his 3 children on the ranch. He is now a true (and diligent!) farmer, raising the next generation of both grapes and vineyardists.

2016 presented a mild growing season with only 1 heat spike and consistently warm days and cold nights. Temperature fluctuation can be almost 50°/day, ideal for maintaining great acidity. The grapes were hand-harvested by Greg and Patrick with the Haiku crew at 23.1 Brix and fermented native, aging on the wild yeast lees for 18 months before bottling out of one-quarter new, once, twice and thrice-used French oak.



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### Technical Data

- **Appellation:** Sanel Valley, Mendocino County
- **Clones:** Dijon 95
- **Fermentation:** Barrel, "wild" both 1° & ML
- **Barrel Aging:** 18 months in 25% new French oak barrels *sur lies*
- **Production:** 56 Cases, \$52 per bottle, retail
- **Analysis**
  - **Alcohol:** 14.34%
  - **pH:** 3.8
  - **TA:** 6.78 g/L