



2013 JURASSIC PARK CHENIN BLANC OLD VINES

Swaying palms and swinging pumpjacks punctuate the approach to the Jurassic Park Vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley, unlikely metronomes marking the myriad velocities at which time advances at the site. The sun rises high, the fog rolls out, the days warm up, the night brings cool, the fog moves in.

Deep underground in the Cenozoic era, zooplankton transformed into crude oil and mineral detritus became sedimentary rock. Significantly closer to the surface, in the Holocene, silica and quartz returned to sand, while shells from forgotten shores fossilized into calcareous soil - an auspicious environment for ungrafted *chenin blanc* vines taking root in the Late Disco era. At 35 years - old age for youth-obsessed Southern California- they have only just begun to produce their best work. In the present, indigenous yeast carry out the fermentation, and provide richness as it ages *sur lie* in stainless and neutral barrels, continuing the cycle of metamorphosis and transformation.

Picked mid-October, with a touch of botrytis, we are delighted to work with this noble variety. -Alex and John

Release Date: Summer 2014
Composition: Chenin Blanc
100%

Appellation: Santa Ynez
Case Production: 112cs