

2019 HIGH COUNTRY WHITE EL DORADO

PRODUCTION NOTES

The High Country White blend is a fresh, food-friendly, and conversational wine that changes with every vintage. Some years it is dominated by Chenin Blanc, while other years, like 2019, varietals like Arneis and Fiano take center stage. The blend is complemented by other bright and aromatic varietals such as Picpoul Blanc, Grenache Blanc, Vermentino, and Sauvignon Blanc. The grapes are grown in the high elevation vineyards of El Dorado, sitting at nearly 3000 feet. Each varietal is whole cluster pressed to stainless steel for primary fermentation and aged in a mix of neutral and stainless steel barrels for 9 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 High Country White is a fun wine that is built for food and friends. Each varietal brings something to the table. It is of medium weight on the palate, with bright acidity on the finish. It offers aromas of citrus and white flowers, coupled with subtle notes of pear, wet stone, and fresh herbs.

WINERY INFO

Founded by Sarah and Chris Pittenger in 2009, Gros Ventre Cellars is a small, family-owned winery operating out of Healdsburg, CA. We produce critically acclaimed vineyard-designated Pinot noir from the West Sonoma Coast and Anderson Valley, as well as eclectic varietals grown in California's El Dorado region and beyond. Chris (*SF Chronicle Winemaker to Watch*) brings several years of expertise to Gros Ventre from his time at Williams-Selyem, Marcassin, Torbreck, Skinner Vineyards, and Limerick Lane Cellars, where he currently acts as winemaker. *Wine & Spirits* designated Gros Ventre a *Winery to Watch* in their annual *TOP 100* issue in December of 2018.

VINTAGE 2019

VARIETALS Arneis 26%, Grenache Blanc 22%,
Fiano 20%, Picpoul Blanc 15%,
Sauvignon Blanc 10%,
Vermentino 7%

APPELLATION El Dorado

CASES PRODUCED 263

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME 12.9%

ÉLEVAGE 9 months neutral French Oak (75%)
and Stainless Steel Barrels (25%)

