

# Combe Vin Gris

**Stolpman Vineyards  
Ballard Canyon  
2022**

80% Trousseau, 20% Mondeuse  
180 case production

## ***Background***

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Pete Stolpman and Rajat Parr's Esoteric Partnership "Combe" means a "small sheltered valley within a vineyard" in French.

When Rajat Parr began making Chardonnay alongside Stolpman in the Lompoc Wine Ghetto back in 2010, he immediately campaigned to plant Trousseau on Stolpman's Ballard Canyon Limestone soils. Vignerons in Jura seek out Limestone for their Trousseau plantings, and Rajat theorized that Trousseau, a varietal that often has difficulty achieving ripeness, would flourish in the sunny, arid Ballard Canyon wind tunnel.

The latest varietal to be planted for Combe, Savagnin, will make its debut in 2023.

## ***Vineyard***

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**Components**  
Block 3, 5, 6 Trousseau  
Block 4 Mondeuse

**Harvest Date**  
August 26 for Trousseau  
September 3 for Mondeuse

## ***Winery***

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**Vinification**  
100% Whole Cluster, whole grape

**Vatting/Fermentation**  
Native fermentation in stainless steel tubs for 10 days before being pressed into neutral oak

**Cooperages & Elevage**  
500L neutral French Ermitage Vache Forest Puncheon

## ***Sensory***

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The 2022 Vin Gris smells like Spring-time in the vineyard with lupins and wild flowers abounding. Fiery, energetic red fruit glimmering within ruby red grapefruit, orange oil, and golden pineapple kissed with the softness of creamy coconut milk. The slightly hazy appearance belies a mouth-filling texture that is then cut by razor sharp linear acidity. The Vin Gris then finishes fresh and clean.

11.5% Alc by Vol.

