

# BIRICHINO



## 2017 JURASSIC PARK CHENIN BLANC OLD VINES

Jurassic Park - a bit north of Buellton in northern Santa Barbara County - is one of the few chenin blanc vineyards in California with which we are familiar that routinely produces wines with the vast array of tones of which the variety is capable. The 2017 sports a perfume of orange blossom honey, apple butter, brimstone, and some peculiar precursor of lilac which activates not merely the olfactory system, but also the limbic system, autonomic nervous system, and other systems located in more distant sectors. Soil and micro-climate humidity during the 2017 growing season remained quite high through the growing season due to the enormous rains from the previous winter, contributing to the development of modest yet meaningful early botrytis. We last encountered these conditions in 2013 and produced a wine similar to that vintage - just off dry in the style known by the French as *sec tendre* - dry, yet tender. And as with previous vintages, this wine fermented in stainless steel without inoculation, and was aged until the following Spring in 8 stainless and 2 neutral Hungarian oak barrels.

-Alex and John

**Release Date:** Winter 2018  
**Composition:** Chenin Blanc  
100%  
**Appellation:** Santa Ynez

