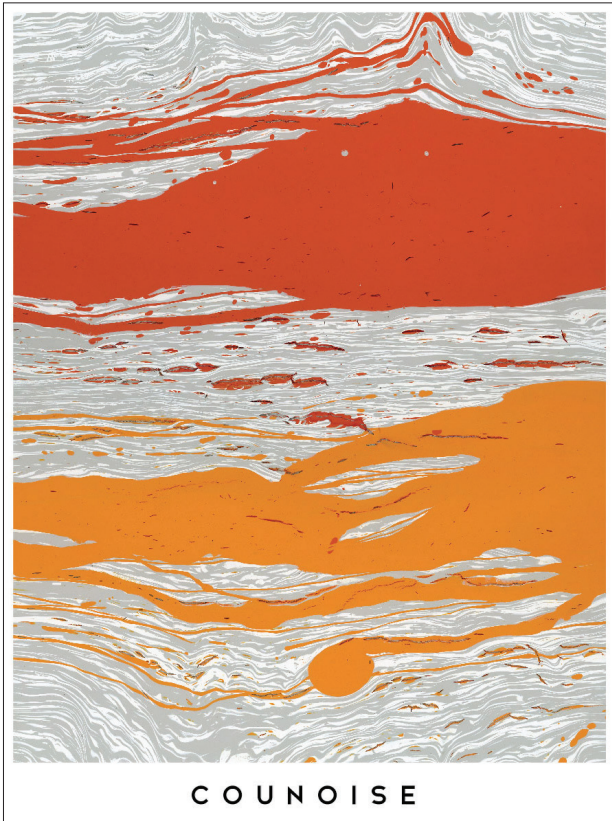


BENEVOLENT NEGLECT COUNOISE



C O U N O I S E

VITI/VINI

Alder Springs Vineyard in Mendocino is defined by its high altitude, steep slopes and proximity to the coast. Windmill Vineyard is located in the Dunnigan Hills of Yolo County. It is a hot climate where the fruit ripens faster but with lower sugar levels and moderate alcohol. These vineyards are half certified organic and half sustainable but farming in an organic way. All de-stemmed fruit, fermented in tank, transferred to barrel for MLF and bottled shortly thereafter. Minimal SO2 prior to bottling. Retention of the fresh, bright fruit character was the aim.

PRODUCER

Winemakers Matt Nagy and Ben Brenner are Matthiasson protégées spreading their wings on their first solo project. With Steve as a mentor and friend they have connections to some of California's most iconic vineyards making it a cinch for cellar practices to be thoughtful and hands-off, hence the name, Benevolent Neglect. Minimal intervention is the best way to describe their winemaking style. In their words: "the idea of the winemaker is to be the reliable translator—to take what was made in the vineyard from sun, water and soil and let it become the finest it can be."

WINEMAKERS Matt Nagy and Ben Brenner

COUNTRY/REGION USA/California/
Mendocino & Dunnigan Hills

GRAPE VARIETY Counoise

SOIL Gravel/clay (Windmill Vineyard)
& Decomposed sandstone (Alder
Springs Vineyard)

AGE OF VINES Planted mid 2000's

PRODUCTION 1,800 bottles

