

JOEL GOTT

RED WINE

Sonoma County

ALAKAI



TASTING NOTES:

The unique blend of Syrah, Grenache and Viognier results in silky tannins, spicy white pepper flavors, cinnamon aromas, a juicy mid-palate and a lingering finish. Alakai is named for Sarah Gott's black Labrador Retriever who passed away in 2005; he was named for a rainforest in Kauai, one of Joel and Sarah's favorite destinations. For a dog who loved to eat grapes and chase bungs there could be no better tribute than this small-production wine.

WINEGROWING NOTES:

Our 2008 Alakai is a Rhône-style red wine blend: 55% Syrah, 42% Grenache and 3% Viognier (often fermented with Syrah to enhance the wine's color and to add balance and suppleness). The Grenache and Syrah fruit is sourced from Pelkan Ranch, owned by Sarah's father, John Pelkan, in Knights Valley and the Viognier fruit is from Saralee Vineyard in Russian River Valley. Both valleys are located in Sonoma County where the marine influence keeps grapes cool, creating a moderate climate similar to the Rhone Valley in France.

ALCOHOL: 14.6%

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