At ÆRENA Wines, we see wine as a work of art. From farmers, winemakers and label artists to the artist within each of us, ÆRENA Wines celebrates everyday heroes who are mastering their craft. Featuring distinctive bottlings from both well-known and emerging appellations, we create authentic California wines that embody a sense of place and a decidedly drinkable point of view.

**Chardonnay**

Introducing ÆRENA’s curiously bright, beautifully rich Chardonnay and wet rock. Conversations in Yellow displays tightly woven density and ample richness with bright, refreshing acidity. It finishes long with lingering ripe pear, citrus and toffee flavors.

**WINE PROVENANCE**

The 2017 vintage is comprised of vineyards that span two appellations: Sonoma Mountain and Russian River Valley. The Sonoma Mountain vineyard is protected from the heat of the day, lending cool-climate qualities to the blend: minerality, acidity, and structure alongside citrus fruit and flowers. The Russian River Valley vineyard is everything that you expect, contributing exotic fruit, richness, and complexity.

**Release Information**

**Release Date:** Fall 2017
**Fermentation:** 100% Chardonnay grapes fermented in 30% new French oak
**Total Production:** 65 Barrels
**Alcohol:** 14.1%
**SRP:** $24
**Format:** 750ml | 9L cases
**UPC:** 855326003279

**DESIGNER**

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**MORE ABOUT THE WINEMAKER**

Blackbird Vineyards’ winemaking duo, Aaron Pott and Kyle Mizuno, are the artisans behind ÆRENA Wines. Their relationship was once that of mentor and student, but after years of collaboration, they are family. To spend time with them is an exploration of wine, replete with quick wit and belly-clutching humor.

In farming and winemaking, Aaron and Kyle strive to communicate a vineyard’s sense of place—by working the wine at the right time to expose the best characteristics of variety and site. According to Aaron, “In almost all definitions of art in the dictionary, there is a reference to ‘human works of beauty.’ ÆRENA believes wine certainly fits under this classification. It is an object created by human intervention that creates something beautiful. Wine is unique as art in that it is ephemeral; once it is consumed, it is gone.

Aaron wholly appreciates working with Kyle. So it is appropriate that when asking Kyle to define their winemaking philosophy, his retort is, “Let the wines speak for themselves and don’t screw it up.”

**WHO IS YOUR SECRET CRUSH?**

Winemakers Kyle Mizuno and Aaron Pott

**GET TO KNOW**

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**WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE?**

Being sourced from two exceptional appellations.

**IF YOU HAD A SUPERPOWER WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

To be able to paint like artist Tony Hernandez

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