VINEYARDS
We grow a just less than an acre of Counoise at our Jacobsen Vineyard, on the Kelseyville Bench appellation in Lake County. The variety is obscure, but very relevant for any serious fan of wines from the Rhone Valley of France, where it is grown and used in Chateauneuf du Pape. Slightly lighter than Grenache in general, this Counoise benefits from the chalky mineral character of Jacobsen Vineyard, and the high elevation climate of Lake County.

WINE STYLE & TASTING NOTES
Fermented in small ¾ ton batches this Counoise is fermented at cooler temperatures, and aged in Hungarian oak (15% new) for 8 months. This wine is light and elegant, full of raspberry and strawberry fruit, with notes of toasted hazelnut and a slightly spicy finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS
Pair with a French country dinner of roasted chicken and red potatoes, tuna nicoise, or a cheese plate with honey, and nuts.

ELEVATION  Avg. 1700ft  APPELLATION  Kelsey Bench, Lake County  HARVEST DATES  September 22nd, 2014  ALCOHOL  14.5%  BRIX  Average 24.3  FERMENTATION  Average 21 days at 82°F  pH 3.70  TA  .70g/100mL  BARREL AGING  8 months in French, American, and Hungarian oak; 15% new oak  VINE AGE  Avg. 13 years  YIELDS  3-4 tons per acre  PRODUCTION  180 cases