



2012  
Stitch  
Chardonnay  
Stuhlmuller Vineyard



In early April of 2013 I took a trip back into the guts of Sonoma on a mission to blend a couple barrels of Chardonnay...delicious Chardonnay. As Kitten Swish is a négociant company purchasing and blending barrels, I saw no better grape for this than Chardonnay. I worked with a warehouse of barrels (variety is the spice, as they say), tasting through different lots of various woods, toasting levels, coopers and age. I looked for subtle differences that would add layers of aroma and balanced structures, an individual bottling distinct in its nature. I believe the resulting blend will give the nostrils firm whiffs of goodness and the tonsils a little squeeze; it will nibble at the tongue like a school of small tasty fish. In this bottle you will find Kitten Swish.

The Stuhlmuller vineyard lies at the southwestern tip of Alexander Valley. The soils are a combination of volcanic, gravel and clay. There are two clones used here, Wente clone originating in the famous Gauer Upper Barn vineyard, a well-known source for intense Chardonnay, and clone 4. This blend is comprised of three different barrels; 60% six year old neutral barrel, 20% 2 year old Acacia and 20% new medium toast Cadus. The wine has a natural yeast alcoholic fermentation, 60% natural malolactic fermentation and 7 months sur lie before being blended into neutral barrels. 50 cases were produced.

The name "Stitch" is a tribute to a gash that was left on my importer's head, the wonderful Mark Kuspira, after an exciting ATV ride up a hill on the Stuhlmuller property...A tribute was the least I could do.

Sincerely,  
Bradley Royale  
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