

Alulu

White Wine - - - - - 13% ABV Vintage 2021

GRAPE	Delaware/Chardonnay
REGION	Yamagata

WINEMAKERS: *Hiroataka Meguro*

ABOUT THE WINE:

BOTTLES PRODUCED: 1,721

— This is a special white wine from their limited release series – a refined, dry white wine made from 93% Delaware and 7% Chardonnay grown in Yamagata. We are honored that Fattoria AL FIORE has made this special wine available to us. Created as an elegant alternative to their usual sparkling cuvée Sola, which wasn't produced in 2023 due to warmer conditions and lower acidity, Alulu underwent gentle barrel fermentation followed by a full year of aging. The result is a layered and expressive white that reimagines Delaware with surprising depth. A small portion of Chardonnay is added to the wine as well. It opens with lifted aromas of ripe citrus and orchard fruit, leading into a creamy, silky texture that's both plush and structured.

Sourced from two of their trusted farmer partners, these grapes represent the exceptional quality that has arisen from the network that Fattoria AL FIORE has created. Budou to Ikiru (or "Living with Grapes"), is a collective that has grown up in Yamagata to reclaim abandoned farmland or plots where the children don't want to take over and apply sustainable farming methodologies. And Ohno Farm, originally led by Masatoshi Ohno, FAF's mentor since 2015, produces a number of the grapes that go into their Flagship Series – the farm is now managed by Ohno's son, Yuji Ohno and his wife, Michiyo.

It's a medium-bodied and full-flavored white wine, with a graceful balance that invites slow sipping. On the nose, it shows mint and melon fruits, straw and dried grasses. It gives way to lovely ripe honeydew and cucumber quality with a subtle, but present acidity and a slight lingering savory characteristic. Alulu pairs beautifully with soft cheeses, roasted vegetables, and savory seafood dishes. This is a thoughtful, warming white with unexpected richness—an elegant, soulful expression of a grape often overlooked.



PRODUCER

Fattoria AL FIORE

Kawasaki-machi, Miyagi Prefecture

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