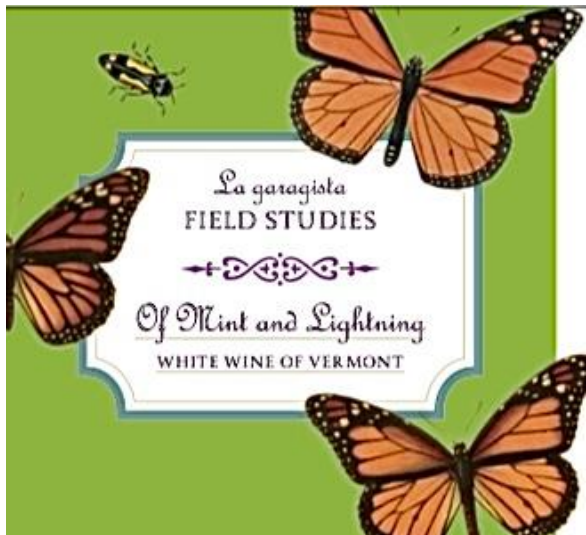




Barnard and West Addison, Vermont

Field Studies Of Mint and Lightning 2024



*vintage:*2024

vineyard: Lilac Ridge (in Brattleboro, Vermont)

soil: clay, limestone, granite, primary rock

elevation: 867 ft.

varietal: Brianna.

alc. %: 11.5

agriculture: organic, regenerative

process: direct press, native yeasts, no added sulfites

vintage: Wet, hot and humid growing season, and warm and dry harvest.

notes:

Our Field Studies family of wines is an exploration of other landscapes in Vermont and partnerships with other farmers. Of Mint and Lightning is one of three wines we are making from a high alpine vineyard on the backside of southern Vermont's Round Mountain, an undertaking of memory and dream. Fruit is grown by Shabir Kamal on the Thurber family farm [Lilac Ridge] in a field described by daisy fleabane, Carolina horsenettle, and limestone outcroppings. Dairy cows graze in the bony meadow above where lilacs must have once been.

100 percent Brianna grown alongside a block of Marquette, this is from the vineyard's eighth leaf, bright, textured, and full of promise. The fruit was picked mid-September and sat whole cluster for 24 hours, then destemmed and pressed. Aged in glass demijohns. The wine is quietly aromatic with flowers and honeydew melon with a ghost of granite on the palate, elegant and fresh.

The name of this wine comes from a line in the poem "When Storms Came in the Late Afternoon" by poet-farmer Ross Thurber from his collection 'Pioneer Species'.

We like this wine with: gougeres, country pate, leeks in mayonnaise, chevre chaud, fondu.