

2011 Vista Verde Vineyard Late Harvest Gewürztraminer

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Enchanting aromas of spicy peach jam, passion fruit, rose water and cinnamon dominate the nose in your glass. Ripe flavors of peach jam, toasted marshmallows and spicy apple cider are accentuated by the crisp balancing acidity. The slightly sweet finish adds a textural component that goes on forever and would compliment any fruit based dessert and many types of cheeses.

—Director of Winemaking Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

Vista Verde Vineyard is located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into nine blocks that include clones such as Pommard, Calera, Canada, 667, Mt. Eden, and Swan.

HARVEST 2011

The 2011 vintage was marked by another cool year that produced wines with tremendous purity and depth. Similar in many ways to 2010 – without the extremes - it had very low yields and below average cooler weather. But, the growing season in 2011 was much more consistent with gentle warming days and very cold summer nights. As a consequence, the vintage produced wines with incredible purity, remarkable acid and tannin balance, while expressing the uniqueness of each individual site and region. The signature of this vintage is one where the wines have bright fruit qualities, sound acidities and elegant tannin profiles. It is truly a vintage worth seeking.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% new

Barrel Aged: 5 months

pH: 3.62

TA: 0.99g/100ml

Alc: 8.2%

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\$40/375ml

