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2020 Vista Verde Vineyard Late Harvest Gewürztraminer

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Gewurztraminer has a distinctive nose that is unmistakable. Rose petal and lychee nut aromas again dominate the aromatics. Hints of waxy yellow fruit emerge with a little more aeration along with wood spices. Fermented in new, French oak barrels, the wine is elegantly layered with hints of vanilla. Just the right ratio of sweetness to acid creates a rather lithe palate that is never heavy.

THE VINEYARD

The Vista Verde Vineyard is located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, located in San Benito County. This site is rich in limestone.

HARVEST 2020

The 2020 growing season started out very dry and bud break was delayed. Early spring rains recharged the soil profile, but periods of extreme cold caused many frost events throughout the Russian River Valley. Late spring yielded ample sunshine and moderate temperatures, and the plants responded very well with excellent canopy growth. The season ended up approximately 12% warmer than average and did not have any heat spikes until August. Harvest started in haste on August 12, ahead of an extreme heat wave. On the night of August 17, the weather changed and there was a rare dry lightning storm that sparked a fire on a hillside in remote west Sonoma County; later named the Walbridge Fire. In the Russian River Valley, it took a number of days for smoke to settle. Based on test results for smoke taint on the grapes, several coastal vineyards were not picked. For the vineyards which were picked, either before the fire or before the smoke settled, the result was concentrated wines with a darker, more brooding complexion. The polish of the tannin, coupled with excellent concentration, should allow for a wide drinking window.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% new

Barrel Aged: 8 months

pH: 3.97

TA: 0.65g/100mL

Alc: 9.8%

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\$40/ 375mL

