



GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU

EST. 1858

2007 GEWÜRZTRAMINER, ESTATE VINEYARD SONOMA VALLEY

VINEYARD Rhinefarm Vineyard
Estate grown, produced and bottled
Clay loam soils with gravel deposits at 70 to 100 feet elevation
16 acres of Martini selection vines planted in 1969, harvested in two lots
Yield 1.2 tons/acre

WINEMAKING

Harvest Dates: August 29 and September 3
Brix at Harvest: 24.0°
TA at Harvest: 0.40g/100ml
pH at Harvest: 3.90
Vinification: Night-harvested by hand in two lots
One-half the grapes crushed directly to tank and cold soaked on skins for 24 hours
Remaining grapes destemmed and crushed directly to press, juice cold-settled overnight
Yeast strains QA23 and Steinberger
100% stainless steel fermented to completion

HARVEST NOTES

Generous on varietal concentration; stingy on yields. This sums up the outcome of the 2007 growing season and vintage. There was relatively early initiation of bud break which was followed by nearly perfect, mild climatic conditions throughout most of the season. This mild weather was especially welcomed since winter rainfall was nearly half of normal and so any big heat spikes in the spring or summer would put a lot of strain on water needs. The most pronounced characteristic of the season is small berry size. While leading to short yields, this has led to wines of astounding concentration and expression.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Lifted aromas of honeysuckle, apple blossom and lychee, orange blossom and spice leap from this dry, Alsatian-style Gewürztraminer. Ripe flavors of white pear, babcock peach, white nectarine and lychee brighten on palate. Classic varietal spice kicks in at the finish, with long-lingering flavors of kumquat and sweet orange rind. Enjoy Gewürztraminer as an aperitif, or pair with a wide variety of cuisine including Indian, Chinese and Thai, and the classic pairing of roast turkey and ham.



Composition: 100% Gewürztraminer
Bottled: January 2008
Case Pack: 12/750ml
Cases Produced: 1,145
Alcohol: 14.5%
TA at Bottling: 0.50g/100ml
pH at Bottling: 3.51

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