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2023 Gewurztraminer, Estate Selection

Vineyards

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Gewurztraminer.

Growing Season

The 2023 growing season was a lesson in patience. The winery was set and ready to go at the end of August, when we typically begin harvest, but Mother Nature hit the brakes and forced us to relax until the end of September when our grapes were finally ready to pick. Conditions over spring and summer were beautiful in the vineyard but the typical heat we experience over Labor Day eluded us, leading to slower ripening on the vine. We all know "patience is a virtue" though, and our efforts were eventually rewarded with some phenomenal grapes that had been given a bit more time to develop. That extra time, coupled with the bountiful Carneros sunshine during the fall, helped produce wines of vibrant flavor and excellent texture. Patience may not always be our strongpoint since we're always excited to share our wines with you, but in the end it was well worth the wait.

Vinification

After gentle pressing, the Gewurztraminer was placed in neutral French oak barrels and one small stainless steel tank for slow and low-temperature fermentation. Once complete, the wine was aged in the same neutral barrels and malolactic fermentation was inhibited to maintain the vibrant flavors and perfumed aromas.

Tasting Notes

If wines were awarded Oscars, the Gewurztraminer would most certainly be nominated for a "Best Supporting" role. We all know those Napa Cabs, Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs love to steal the spotlight and flash their big smiles on the red carpet, but the Gewurztraminer likes to glide in and knock your socks off with an amazing performance. Unbelievable aromatics (*no special effects needed*), crisp acidity, and fresh flavors that linger long on your palate while the credits roll. This wine has all the star-power you'll need.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate

Aging

6 months

Harvest Date

September 25, 2023

Bottling Date

April 16, 2024

Maturation

45% neutral barrels,
40% stainless steel,
15% clay amphora

PH

3.25

TA

6.4 g/L

RS

0.0 g/L

Alcohol

13.9%

Production

380 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$45

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