

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2015 Vista Verde Vineyard Late Harvest Gewürztraminer

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The rich golden yellow color evokes an immediate appeal to this exotic wine. Musky notes mix with elements of gardenia, poached pear and apricot. Vanilla and cardamom aromas further add elegance and intrigue. Beautifully balanced in the mouth, the oiliness of the texture seems to be absorbed by the acidity giving a rather lithe mid-palate and finish. Flavors of poached pear, starfruit, and yellow plum are complemented with a gamut of baking spices. Enjoy this with an apricot galette topped with crème fraiche.

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 2015

The 2015 vintage continues the hit parade of great quality vintages of the last four years. The season started under extreme drought conditions despite a wet early winter. January was very dry and warm and brought bud break earlier than expected. The rains returned in early February and dramatically slowed down the growth of the plants. May temperatures were some of the coldest on record and negatively impacted flowering and therefore fruit set. By the end of July, the heat returned and, coupled with limited fog intrusion, the ripening process sped along quickly. Despite an auspicious start and a dramatic finish to the season, the 2015 wines may surpass some of the great recent vintages as they are bold and yet maintain their trueness to site. With superb color, structure and acidity, the wines have staying power, but with the wonderful texture and richness that are expressed today, who can resist them now?

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% new
Barrel Aged: 9 months
pH: 3.58
TA: 0.80 g/100mL
Alc: 9.2%
Residual Sugar: 15.7%
Released Spring 2017
\$40/ 375mL

