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2016 Vista Verde Vineyard Late Harvest Gewürztraminer

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The rich color of this wine evokes visions of liquid gold. The exotic aromas give way to notes of poached pear, cardamom, and vanilla bean. Apricot and frangipane add another interesting layer in the profile. The classic Gewürztraminer nose of rose petals ties everything together and provides elegance and lift. On the palate, the wine immediately has great presence and mouthfeel, and is like an elixir. Balanced with just enough acidity, flavors of peaches and cream, and shortbread cookie come through on the finish. This is the perfect companion to a stone fruit tart with cardamom ice cream. Enjoy!

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 2016

The 2016 vintage was an excellent growing season, and started out as the previous four vintages; with a warm and dry winter. The main difference in 2016 was cooler temperatures in late February, and increasing rain totals in March that helped slow down vegetative growth. The net result was a slightly longer vegetative cycle, a slower grape maturation cycle, and therefore a later harvest compared to 2015. These events allowed for perfect maturation of the grape tannins and flavor development. Harvest started with pleasant weather on August 10 in the Middle Reach Neighborhood vineyards (Westside Road). Weather in late August cooled, and by early September temperatures warmed up and dry conditions prevailed. The result was our core harvest was completed under ideal conditions by end of September. Overall, the wines from the 2016 vintage exhibit wonderfully polished tannins due to long and slow grape maturation on the vine.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% new
Barrel Aged: 9 months
pH: 3.78
TA: 0.79g/100mL
Alc: 9.2%
Residual Sugar: 19.9%
Released Spring 2018
\$40/375mL

