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2021 Vista Verde Vineyard Late Harvest Gewürztraminer

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Star fruit, lychee, and jasmine flowers jump from the glass in this highly aromatic wine. Notes of poached pears and citrus are layered in along with hints of vanilla and wood spices. Vibrant and fresh in the mouth, the wine showcases sweetness along with terrific acid and tannin balance that lightens up the palate and finishes clean. The wine's flavors of pears, stone fruit, and wood spices would be a terrific complement to a summer fruit tart with frangipane.

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 2021

The 2021 growing season experienced only about 14 inches of rain, challenging the plants from the outset of the year. Late winter and early spring were cold and dry, bringing some uneven growth and stress to the plants. The canopies were a little smaller than average going into the flowering, however the weather was ideal and mild. Flowering determines quality and quantity, so it is the most important time. The 2021 season yielded an average to slightly below average crop size with outstanding quality. Largely, the growing season saw mild temperatures but with several scattered heat events. 2021 thankfully saw the return of the fog, which saved the vintage by keeping the nighttime temperatures cool, refreshing the plants, and keeping them hydrated under severe conditions. Due to the changing climate, fog intrusion has been minimal the last few vintages. The 2021 season finished up around the historical average for temperatures. Despite the inauspicious start to the year, the wines showcase terrific verve, character, and site specificity.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% new

Barrel Aged: 8 months

pH: 3.71

TA: 0.68g/100mL

Alc: 9.5%

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\$40/ 375mL

