



2008 Gewürztraminer Russian River Valley

The Vineyards:

Gewürztraminer demands a cooler climate that will allow the distinctive flavors and aromas of this grape to mature and develop. Hook & Ladder's estate vineyards in the southern reaches of the Russian River Valley produce just such conditions. Cooling ocean breezes, summer fog that gives way to warm days and unique soils create optimum growing conditions for this grape.

The Winemaking:

After crushing and destemming the hand-harvested grapes, this juice was fermented cold in stainless steel tanks to insure the fresh, fruit-forward flavors and inherent spicy and floral aromas remained prominent.

The Wine:

The brilliant straw color invites comparison to other white wines, but the aroma and flavor dispel that notion. Our Gewürztraminer delivers vibrant aromas of grapefruit and a floral set that reminds us of the tropics. On the palate an elegant mix of pear and apricot flavors pair up with a crisp structure that is the perfect foil to the slightest note of sweetness. This is a wine to pair with spicy Asian cuisine, grilled sausages, or just a warm summer afternoon.

Technical Information:

Harvested: September 9, 2008

Alcohol %: 12.5 **pH:** 3.24 **Total Acidity:** .74 **Case Production:** 966

Release Date: Winter 2009

Suggested Retail Price: \$16

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