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NAPA VALLEY



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Alcohol13.8% by volume
Fermentationindigenous yeast;
stainless steel
Harvest date October 19, 2020
Sugar (harvest)29° Brix (average)
Sugar (residual)50 g/L (5%)
Bottling dateJune 2021
Release dateNovember 2021
Total acid5.2 g/L
pH3.8
Production112 cases (12/750 ml.)
Blend 100% Gewürztraminer

Miljenkos Selection 2020 GEWÜRZTRAMINER NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE: 2020 was a challenging but ultimately one of the most rewarding vintages for us. One of the hottest vintages on record with multiple heat waves well over 100 degrees, vintage 2020 was also accompanied by exceptionally low rainfall: 50-60% below average. Despite the heat and drought, our vines were well prepared for the stress. Due to low rainfall in 2020, the vines prepared themselves for drought by producing less leaves, which requires less water. The heat and drought produced exceptionally low yields but with excellent quality – great acid and freshness in white wines, and beautiful concentration and color in the reds.

VINEYARD: The grapes were grown at our certified organic American Canyon vineyard. Nestled in the lowest spot of this cool vineyard, we've discovered the perfect conditions of low-lying fog to grow botrytis-affected grapes which make our Violetta, Late Harvest, so special. We planted a field blend that's predominantly Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling with some Gewürztraminer and nurtured it to encourage botrytis. Due to a lack of rain and botrytis in 2020, we picked the grapes a bit earlier and crafted this special new release of Gewürztraminer for our club members.

THE WINE: The *inaugural release* of this exquisite Miljenko's Selection Gewürztraminer begins with radiant floral tones of lychee, rose petals, and rose oil followed by notes of honeydew, apricot, and fresh citrus lime. Enjoy a beautiful soft entry along with a great acid balance that is complemented by residual sugar. On the mid-palate, stone fruit, pineapple, and papaya blend together with fresh mineral notes of citrus lime to create a succulent texture, rounding out the wine and giving way to a long, rich finish.