

TAFT STREET

A SONOMA COUNTY WINERY

2008 GEWURZTRAMINER MENDOCINO COUNTY

A HIGHLY AROMATIC GEWURZ, WITH LOTS OF FLORAL, BLOOD ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT NOTES. TANGY ACIDITY BALANCES THIS ELEGANT, OFF-DRY WINE, AND THE CITRUS LINGERS IN A LONG FINISH.

VINIFICATION

THE WINE WAS COLD FERMENTED IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS USING A SPECIAL STRAIN OF STEINBERGER YEAST WITH MINIMAL HANDLING AND FINING.



- VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% GEWURZTRAMINER
- HARVEST DATES: SEPTEMBER 10TH & 15TH, 2008
- BOTTLING DATE: DECEMBER, '08
- TOTAL CASES MADE: 1600
- ALCOHOL: 13.5%
- RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.8%
- TOTAL ACID AT HARVEST: .60G/100ML
- PH AT HARVEST: 3.45

VINEYARD LOCATION

THE GRAPES FOR THIS WINE CAME FROM THE STIPP RANCH, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN END OF THE UKIAH VALLEY; AND FROM THE NEARBY DEMPSEL RANCH.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

THE 2008 VINTAGE DID NOT LACK FOR DRAMA. IT HAD IT ALL — DROUGHT, FROST, HEAT WAVES, WILDFIRES AND WIND. THERE WERE ALSO PERIODS OF PERFECT CONDITIONS — WARM, SUNNY DAYS AND COOL NIGHTS. THE RAINS STOPPED EARLY AND THE SPRING WAS DRY. THE FIRST FROSTS OCCURRED IN APRIL AND DAMAGE WAS WIDESPREAD. MANY HADN'T RECALLED WORSE CONDITIONS SINCE 1972. IN MAY A HEAT WAVE FURTHER REDUCED CROP SIZE; AND IN JUNE WILDFIRES AND ACCOMPANYING SMOKE THREATENED MANY VINEYARDS' VERY SURVIVAL. THEN THE WEATHER TURNED PICTURE PERFECT, THOUGH THE HARVEST WAS EARLY FOR MANY. IT WAS A CHALLENGING YEAR, BUT INDICATIONS ARE WHAT MOTHER NATURE TOOK AWAY IN CROP SIZE SHE MADE UP FOR IN QUALITY FRUIT. THIS GEWURZTRAMINER IS A GOOD EXAMPLE.