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Vermentino - It is considered that Vermentino found its origins in Italy, confirmed recently by DNA Typing. It is prevalent in the region of Liguria but has gained much prominence on the island of Sardinia and, more recently, Tuscany. Vermentino has started to emerge in new world producers from Australia and California. The variety's ability to adapt to a range of climates has great appeal and it certainly has found a home in the Paso Robles region.

Our Estate Vermentino Block 3F was planted in 2012 and the 5.02 acres has 10' x 5' spacings and utilizes a simple vertical shoot positioning (VSP) canopy. The variety enjoys the warmth of the region and typically ripens early, usually producing wines around 13 - 13.5% alcohol. The 2020 Vermentino was harvested at 24.1 Brix and underwent an extended ferment at a controlled, quite low temperature of 60°F.

The cooler ferment guarantees the retention of the more subtle aromas and flavours that are typically absent in warmer conditions in the cellar. This wine has exhibited the greatest depth and complexity so far and it's amazing texture shows how versatile the variety can be. Starting with lifted citrus - like aromas, the prettier characters emerge as the wine opens up. Hints of orange peel, elderflower and green melons lead into an equally enticing palate. Great length of flavour, bright acidity and the tiniest hint of skins at the finish exemplify the 'complete' wine.

The wine is produced using reductive techniques, employing the only totally inert gas membrane press in the USA at the time. Oak is not used to ensure freshness is maintained and the fruit harmony is not disrupted.

The release of this wine has been met with great acclaim, including a 93 point (and Editor's Choice) rating in Wine Enthusiast. A great drink on its own, it also pairs wonderfully with many types of food. For those who enjoy sardines, this is a real surprise.

CHRIS CAMERON
Winemaker



Alcohol..... 13.64% pH..... 3.36 R/S..... 2.00 g/L TA..... 5.90g/L
Harvest Date.....Sept 2020 Bottling Date..... May 2021



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