



MONTINORE ESTATE

2014

GEWÜRZTRAMINER

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY AVA

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
25 YEARS

VARIETY
GEWÜRZTRAMINER

HARVEST DATE
SEPT 28 – OCT 5

FERMENTATION
STAINLESS STEEL

pH
3.13

TA
6.1

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.2%

ALCOHOL
13.7%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

RELEASE DATE
SEPTEMBER 2015

THE VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage produced a generous volume of fruit. Spring started by mid-April. Aside from a touch of frost here and there, the vineyards progressed smoothly from bud break, into a dry, hot summer. With barely a punctuation of rainfall, the warm weather continued unabated through September, when the fruit entered its full maturation phase. Sugars increased and acids declined with great flavors accumulating by the middle of the month. Harvesting was thick and fast during September and October. Except for a bit of Riesling destined for late harvest wine, the fruit was all in by October 20th, the earliest finish in over a decade.

THE WINEMAKING

The fruit used for the 2014 Gewürztraminer was picked from the 13 acre block on the northern side of the estate vineyard and was harvested in late September into early October. Heavy skin contact was initially provided after bringing the grapes into the winery, both in the picking bins and in the tank press. We carefully incorporate a longer pressing schedule, as well as a slightly higher pressure, to extract texture and flavor compounds from the skins. Fermentation was done in 100% steel, using both native and commercial yeasts, at a temperature of 58-60° F.

THE WINE

Straw gold color introduces an intense aroma of pomelo and rose water with hints of kaffir lime leaf and a palate bursting with tropical notes and powdered ginger. The finish is dry and bright, leaving the impression of fresh citrus. This is a wonderfully forward, floral wine in our traditional dry style, making for a crisp wine that pairs beautifully with food.



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes
Certified Organic by Stellar Certification