



MONTINORE ESTATE

2014

# MÜLLER-THURGAU

*Willamette Valley, Oregon*



pH  
**3.07**

TA  
**6.8**

RESIDUAL SUGAR  
**2.5%**

ALCOHOL  
**11.0%**

VINEYARD  
**WILLAMETTE VALLEY AVA**

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VARIETIES  
**MÜLLER-THURGAU**

SOIL  
**LAURELWOOD  
CORNELIUS**

FERMENTATION  
**NATIVE YEAST**

AGING  
**STAINLESS STEEL**

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

Müller-Thurgau, a lesser-known relative of Riesling, flourishes on our estate vineyard here in the Willamette Valley in Oregon. We prune the vines of these grapes in a traditional Alsatian method in order to enhance the beautiful aromas and flavors that occur naturally in these grapes. This German variety produces a semi-dry wine with enticing citrus and floral notes. Müller-Thurgau is typically a blending grape, but we love to let its wonderfully aromatic character shine on its own. The grapes underwent slow fermentation in stainless steel at 56°F with indigenous yeasts to maximize the varietal character.

## THE WINE

This varietal has been lifted to new heights by our head winemaker, Stephen Webber. The resulting playful wine has hints of peach, quince, pear, apricot, gardenias and honeysuckle on the nose. The palate is rich with mouthwatering lime, honeydew melon, apricot and apple. It finishes clean with notes of grapefruit, pineapple and guava. This easy-drinking white is wonderful as an aperitif or with lighter dishes and Pacific Rim cuisine.



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