

Casaeda

2011 Gewurztraminer

Mendocino

Statistics

Blend: 100% Gewurztraminer, Mendocino County, Redwood Valley Ranch

Wine: 13.7% alcohol; 6.1 g/L TA; 3.17 pH

Vintage and Vineyard

The 2011 Casaeda Gewurztraminer was grown on the western side of Redwood Valley, an inland valley in Mendocino County. While Redwood Valley is not as cool as further west on the Mendocino coast, 2011 was a very, very cool year, with moderate days and cool nights. It was a perfect year for locking in the fruity aromas and delicate texture of Gewurztraminer.

The soils in this vineyard are sandy loam and the vineyard is at 820 feet in elevation. The Gewurztraminer clones planted are 47 and 4 and the vines are trained on a vertical trellis. Harvest was late, on September 22, long before the rains in October.

The 2011 Casaeda Gewurztraminer was pressed immediately and fermented in stainless steel tanks, another factor in preserving the fresh fruit aromas from the grapes and expressing them in the wine. This Gewurz was aged for 5 months in tanks before bottling in February 2012.

Tasting Notes

What is not to like about a crisp, refreshing, dry Gewurztraminer? The 2011 Casaeda Gewurz is overflowing with aromas of lichee, peach, lemongrass, grapefruit, lemon, along with some herbal/spicy hints of ginger and cilantro....sounds like a Thai dinner night! The acidity is well balanced...enough acid to be cleansing and mouthwatering, but not too much to be distracting. This wine is completely dry and ready to drink now and all summer long.

415 cases bottled February, 2012