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LAZY CREEK VINEYARDS

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2016

Anderson Valley
GEWÜRZTRAMINER
ESTATE

APPELLATION

Anderson Valley, Mendocino County

VARIETAL

100% Gewürztraminer

TASTING NOTES

Our sustainably-farmed 2016 Lazy Creek Vineyards Gewürztraminer is a feast for the senses. A beautiful pale, light straw in color, this dry, Alsatian-style wine has delicate floral aromas of rose petal and candied lemon zest followed by a vibrant palate of Mandarin and grapefruit, citrus peel, lychee and stony mineral notes. Floral notes lead to a nice lingering mineral-driven finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

Peaceful and bucolic Anderson Valley, located just off the coastal region of Mendocino County, has warm, sunny days and cool, foggy mornings and nights that are ideal for growing grapes. The 2016 growing season started with a warm spring along with some much needed rain. Bloom occurred in late May and we had a very bountiful set. Summer weather was ideal with very few heat spikes. August was quite mild and allowed for ideal ripening. September brought some warmer days and pushed the grapes to optimal ripeness, harvesting on September 12.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The grapes for our Gewürztraminer are hand harvested, destemmed then lightly crushed. The grapes are allowed skin contact for six hours to pick up flavors in the skins, then pressed to stainless steel tank for cold settling, racked and inoculated with yeast. Fermentation is kept very cool to retain aromatics. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is racked and SO₂'d. This wine does not undergo malolactic fermentation in order to retain its natural, fresh, crisp acidity. The Gewürztraminer was bottled in January.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our dry Gewürztraminer is delicious paired with moderately spicy and ethnic dishes, rich poultry, quiche Lorraine, and a variety of cheeses such as smoked Gouda, Emmental and Edam. This wine also pairs perfectly with prosciutto, bacon, duck, spicy sausage, and fish with a richer sauce.

WINE INFORMATION

Bottled: January 2017 | Released: Spring 2017 | Alcohol/pH/TA: 13.9%/3.11/0.55 | 104 Cases Produced



Lazy Creek Vineyards is a Certified California Sustainable Winery

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