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# LAZY CREEK VINEYARDS

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2017

## *Anderson Valley* GEWÜRZTRAMINER ESTATE

### APPELLATION

Anderson Valley, Mendocino County

### VARIETAL

100% Gewürztraminer

### TASTING NOTES

Our sustainably-farmed 2017 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. After years of drought, 2017 started off with ample amounts of rain, which meant a lot of available water in the soil that created good canopies on the vines and average to above-average yields. Summer was very warm with a few heat spikes as harvest neared. There were also a few, light rain showers that came through the area, but did not affect the fruit. Harvest was completed on October 10th.

### 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 SO<sub>2</sub>'d. This wine does not undergo malolactic fermentation in order to retain its natural, fresh, crisp acidity. The Gewürztraminer was bottled in February.

### 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: February 2018 | Released: Spring 2018 | Alcohol/pH/TA: 13.9%/3.26/0.50 | 110 Cases Produced



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