



Elizabeth Spencer
RUTHERFORD 1872

ROUSSANNE NORTH COAST

VINTAGE 2021

IN THE VINEYARD

The fruit for our roussanne comes from the Las Lomas vineyard on the Kelsey Bench in Lake County. Known for its red soils and perfect exposure, roussanne does particularly well here. The warm days provide ample time to develop and the grapes turn golden hues in the sunshine.

WINEMAKING

We ferment the fruit from this vineyard site in individual lots into a combination of new French oak, neutral wood and stainless steel barrel. This blend is 90% Roussanne with a touch of Chardonnay for acidity, and Viognier for fragrance. Stirred once a month slowly releases the flavors contained in the lees, where it stayed until bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Pretty, bright golden color - take a moment to enjoy the shine! Gently honeyed fruit nose, acacia and a hint of ginger. The texture of this wine is particularly engaging - creamy but lightly whipped. It's also broad, the flavors of apricot and quince lifted by lime blossom, spreading across the tongue and coating the side of the mouth with that lovely white Rhône varietal grape character. There's nothing heavy about it, but it leaves quite the impression on the drinker. Delicious immediately.

TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER: Sarah Vandendriessche

APPELLATION: North Coast

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

PH: 3.83

TA: 5.8

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