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2018 Dos Padres Vineyard Vermentino

Background:

During the 2017 harvest, we were quite fortunate to get a surprise call from Eric Glomski at Page Springs Cellars offering us a small amount of this Vermentino and we were very excited to be offered it again in 2018. The fruit comes from the Dos Padres Vineyard, which lies across Oak Creek from Eric's winery. It makes a beautiful, austere wine with a delicate citrus/melon character, subtle restraint and a minerality so characteristic of the fruit from that small part of the Oak Creek Valley. This is some special fruit and we're so grateful to be able to share it with you.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Yavapai County

100% Vermentino from Dos Padres Vineyard. Yavapai County, AZ. 3,500 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept 5th

Sugar at harvest: 23.2 Brix.

Cellar Notes:

Pressed whole-cluster. Juice then settled 48 hours, racked and inoculated with specially selected yeasts (QA23). Fermented in stainless steel at 55 F for 31 days. Malolactic fermentation inhibited.

Aging:

Aged 6 months in stainless steel. This wine saw only minimal cold-stabilization, did NOT undergo heat-stabilization and is filtered, but unfined.

Stats:

pH: 3.40 TA: 6.0 g/L RS: <0.10% Alcohol: 14.0% Drink within 1-2 years Production: 48 cases Winemaker: Joe Bechard

