

2011 L'Entente Blanc Boushey Vineyard/ Yakima Valley

Vineyards

Boushey Vineyard/ Yakima Valley AVA/ Marsanne	49%
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Coyote Canyon Vineyard/ Horse Heaven Hills/ Roussanne	2%

Tasting Notes

Our flagship white Rhone blend, Marsanne & Grenache Blanc grapes drive this gem. Warm straw in color with aromas of apricot, Asian pear, & white flower. Flavors of ruby grapefruit, apricot, & peach, finish with tropical fruits of pineapple & kumquat and a soft, round finish.

Vintage Notes

2011 was a cold vintage for Washington State, in fact the coldest on viticultural record. Despite the cool season, we had relatively stable, dry weather & were able to hang the fruit into the 3rd week of October without difficulties. The 2011 vintage was great for whites & rose', producing crisp, refreshing wines with excellent natural acidity, & moderate alcohol.

Technical Notes

Blend: 49% Marsanne 49% Grenache Blanc 2% Roussanne

Harvest Dates: October 21st 2011

Harvest Chemistry Avg: Brix: 23 Total Acidity Avg: 7 g/L pH Avg: 3.2

Vinification

We *de-stemmed* the Marsanne, and Grenache Blanc grapes from Boushey Vineyard to open top fermenters, cold-soaked the grapes for 24 hours on the skins, then pressed to tank. After the juice settled overnight without SO₂, we gravity-racked to neutral French oak barrels & fermented with selected Rhone yeasts. We aged the wine then on full lees for 11 months without racking, stirring the lees (*battonage*) once weekly until early December. After the primary fermentation, we decided upon complete Malolactic Fermentation for the 2011 vintage to open flavors that remained somewhat closed, a choice that has a profound effect on the style of the finished wine. A light fining and sterile filtration preceded bottling.

Wine Chemistry: Alc v/v: 13.9% pH: 3.60 Total Acidity: 5 g/L FSO₂: 22ppm R/S 1.2 g/L

Bottled: September 14th, 2011

Cases: 150

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