



RUSSELL

FAMILY VINEYARD



2016 Roussanne

APPELLATION

Paso Robles Westside Willow Creek appellation

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Roussanne

SOIL

The vineyard is located on a very rocky, very steep 40%, South facing slope. The soil is totally calcareous with 17% active lime and a PH of 8.2.

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The vines are very close spaced, around 2240 vines per acre. Very clean vertical shoot position on extremely steep south slope allows for best exposure for optimum ripening. Very low yields at only 2 tons per acre.

VINIFICATION

Handpicked at 24.5 Brix with good acidity at .6.5 TA. Fermented in a single one-year-old French Demi-Muid oak barrel.

ALCOHOL

13.7%

CASES PRODUCED

59

TASTING

This is probably the most exotic white Rhone wine you will taste. Roussanne is a highly prized grape famed in France and very rare in the states. The 2016 vintage is rich, nutty, perfumy and clean. Expect remarkable fruit flavors such as mango, nectarine and peach marmalade intermixed with sweetened butter and almond-paste notes. Shows gorgeous purity and length. This is a lighter, more elegant vintage with less alcohol than the 2012, but perfectly balanced and luxurious.

Drink now until 2020