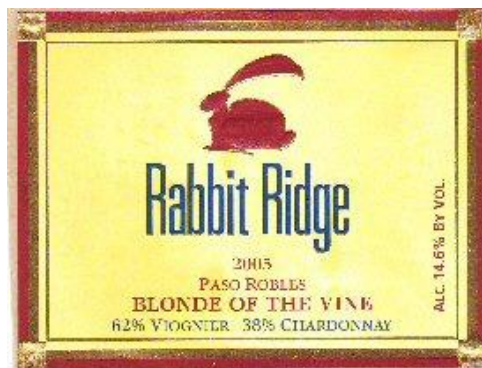




BLONDE OF THE VINE



VINTAGE 2005
APPELLATION Paso Robles
VARIETAL 62% Viognier / 38% Chardonnay
HARVEST DATE 9/12/05 - 10/4/05
BRIX AT HARVEST 24.24
ALCOHOL 14.6%
PH 3.72
TA 0.709
UPC CODE 7 28691 44380 6

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Blonde of the Vine is the first in a new line of wines created exclusively for Cottontail Wine Club members. This first wine was named in honor of my lovely wife and partner Joanne, whose love is white Rhone wines. This particular wine is a blend of barrel fermented Viognier and Chardonnay from the west side of Paso Robles. The wine was put through malolactic fermentation for greater depth and complexity and comes to you unfiltered and totally natural. Because this is a natural wine, it may produce sediment after some time and if left in the refrigerator for a few days could produce some tartrates. We chose this natural method to keep the flavor in the wine - similar to how unfiltered apple juice has much more natural flavors than the refined clear version. Future releases of Blonde will highlight different white grapes grown on our Estate vineyards.

AWARDS

Silver Medal, May 2007
Riverside International Wine Competition

Silver Medal, May 2007
California Central Coast Wine Competition

Visit the "Awards and Reviews" page on our website for a complete list of awards on our wines.

TASTING NOTES

Our Rabbit Ridge Paso Robles Blonde of the Vine has a perfumey, elegant character contributed from the Viognier and body and depth contributed from the Chardonnay, the barrel fermentation in French oak barrels, and the 100% malolactic fermentation. The unfiltered style and very light processing of Blonde allows all of the natural flavors to come through for you to enjoy. Only three barrels produced.

SPECIAL NOTES

This wine has been handcrafted exclusively for our Cottontail Wine Club members. Grapes from our estate vineyards on the west side of Paso Robles were picked at low yields to add complexity. This wine has been selected and bottled for your enjoyment and education of the unique varietals and interesting blends our winemaker Erich Russell has always wanted to create. We hope you will enjoy this very special wine with your family and friends and we thank you for being a treasured Cottontail.

2005 GROWING SEASON

The 2005 California growing season was much like the 1997 growing season; long and cool giving the grapes plenty of hang-time.

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