

RIDEAU VINEYARD

2018 CUVÉE DORÉE ROUSSANNE

Sourced from Zaca Mesa Vineyard, this Roussanne is made in a very unique fashion, distinct from all of our other white wines. It spent its entire fermentation in contact with its skins, not unlike a red wine. This imbued the already-full-bodied Roussanne fruit with additional weight, complexity, and structure. It also brought out loads of unique spice elements that can only be a product of this method.

2018 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 growing season in the Santa Ynez Valley followed a notably dry winter with below-average rainfall. A cool spring encouraged even fruit set, leading into a long, temperate summer with few heat spikes. Extended hang-time allowed gradual flavor development while preserving natural acidity. The wines show concentration and depth balanced by freshness and refined structure.

VINEYARD SOURCE NOTES

Zaca Mesa Vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley is defined by well-draining sandy loam soils and a warm inland setting moderated by afternoon breezes. Planted in 1973, it remains one of the region's original Rhône sites. Ample sunshine and strong diurnal shifts promote full ripening while retaining natural acidity and structure.

VINEYARD & HARVEST

Vineyard: Zaca Mesa
AVA: Santa Ynez Valley
Soil: Alluvial Sandy Loam
Harvest: 10/10/2018

TECHNICAL

Brix at Harvest: 28
pH: 3.78
TA: 4.5g/L
MLF: Natural
Alcohol: 13.69%

AGING & RELEASE

Aging Duration: 9 months
Bottling Date: 07/7/2019
Oak Type: Neutral French
First Release: 08/2019

This decadent Roussanne shines alongside crème brûlée, apricot tart, blue cheese, or honey-glazed nuts. Its natural richness and subtle lift also complement foie gras, roast duck, or herb-roasted chicken with stone fruit compote. Whether paired with dessert, a cheese course, or savory dishes with a touch of sweetness, it brings both texture and balance to the table.