

# BALLETTO

## 2007 Gewürztraminer



### WINERY:

The Balletto Winery is located in the southwest area of the Russian River valley. There are several soils on which the grapes are grown, including Wright Loam Shallow, Clear Lake Clay, Blucher Fine Sandy Loam and Goldridge. The western edges of the ranch border the Laguna de Santa Rosa vital wetland habitat, a home to many species of birds and animals. Today, 100 acres of Chardonnay, 60 acres of Pinot Noir and 5 acres of Pinot Gris surround the winery site. The Balletto family felt that the additional area of land they owned along the Laguna was so beautiful it should be shared with others. They were able to come to an agreement with Sonoma County's Agriculture Preservation & Open Space District to preserve this land for all those living in the area and for visitors to this wonderful county! Future visions include a seasonal trail for all.

### DESCRIPTION:

This is the third vintage of Gewürztraminer and produced an excellent Russian River valley Gewürztraminer. This flavorful wine begins with perfumed aromas of lychee fruit, sweet pineapple, papaya and tangerine. It has a crisp, lively acidity with citrus and tropical flavors of satsuma, mango and orange peel. The estate Gewürztraminer is slightly off-dry and pairs well with spicy Thai foods or can be served on its own as an aperitif.

### AWARDS:

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition 2009 Gold Medal Winner

### HARVEST:

The grapes are picked and sorted by hand. September 4, 2007

### SOIL:

Huichica Loam

### COOPERAGE:

Half of this vintage was fermented in 100% neutral oak barrels with the other half fermented in stainless steel tank.

### PRODUCTION:

770 cases

### ANALYSIS:

Brix at harvest: 23.9

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