

Wise Villa Winery 2016 TORRONTES

Awards: Best in Class & Gold Medal
in Sunset International Wine Competition



Our 2016 Torrontes displays aromas of citrus, tropical fruit, and peach blossom, with a pineapple and grapefruit finish. Pairs best with fish & asian cuisine.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

"Torrontes is a very interesting, rare grape type. A cross created by Argentinean Monks, crossing Muscat Canelli and Creola (a mission grape variety), it expresses a flavor profile only slightly reminiscent of its parent Muscat, and nothing of creola. Our Torrontes has the bright crispness of a Sauvignon Blanc, the floral and tropical notes of Muscat, and the citrus and diesel notes characteristic of the best dry Rieslings. When one tastes Argentinean Torrontes, you will often see alcohols in the 13-15% range, often with low acidity and noticeable residual sugar. This is because they ripen the grapes to high sugar levels in order to emphasize the sweet notes of tropical fruits and flowers. We choose to balance those notes by picking at much lower sugar and ripeness levels and achieving a flavor profile and alcohol levels more in line with sparkling winemaking. We then ferment the wine cold and slow in stainless steel, to keep it aromatic, crisp and fresh. 2016 was a particularly warm drought year, and the grapes reached maturity early in the season, being picked in August at 21 brix, while they were still green-gold with citrus notes and only a hint of golden tropical fruits."

---Owner & Winemaker Dr. Grover Le & Winemaker Steven Eriksen

Varietals

100% Torrontes

Apellation

Alta Mesa, Lodi, California

Climate

Continental, warm dry days and cool nights with 40°F temperature shifts

Exposure

Flat

Trellis

GDC

Destemming, Fermentation, & Pressing

Destemmed & crushed, 2 day cold soak with natural yeast present, pressed & inoculated, 21 day fermentation at 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

Soil

Loamy sand

Picked (sugar level)

21.0 Brix

Alcohol

11.9%

Acidity

7.2 g/L total acidity & 3.33 pH

Aging

Aged 3 months in stainless steel, filtered & bottled

Final Production

550 cases