WISE VILLA WINERY

2022 TORRONTES

TASTING NOTES:

The 2022 Torrontes exhibits aromas of citrus zest, tropical fruit and peach blossom, with a floral finish. Pairs best with fish and Asian cuisine

WINEMAKER’S 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 notes characteristic of the best dry Rieslings.

When one tastes Argentinean Torrontes, you will often see alcohols in the 14-15% range, 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, aiming for a style similar to off-dry Muscat wines. At Wise Villa we choose to balance Torrontes by picking at much lower sugar levels, 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.

2022 started off warm with an early spring, followed by a long and hot summer. The weather cooled down in the last three weeks that the grapes were left on the vine. Resulting in more fresh fruit & acidity in the grapes, for a leaner & more mineral-driven wine

Winemaker: Steven Eriksen

DETAILS:

Varietals | 100% Torrontes Appellation | Alta Mesa, Lodi, CA

Exposure | Flat Trellis | GDC Soil | sandy loam

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

Picked (sugar level) | 21.5 Brix Alcohol 12.2

Destemming, Fermentation & Pressing| Destemmed & crushed, 24 hour cold soak with natural yeast present, pressed & inoculated, 21 day fermentation at 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Acidity | 6.5 g/L total acidity & 3.54 pH

Aging | Aged 5 months in stainless steel, filtered & bottled

Final Production| 253 cases.