



Esoterica

Roussanne 2008

California

Vineyard Source: Paso Robles

Quantity Produced: 100 cases (12 x 750ml)

Date of Bottling: November 7, 2010

Blend: 99.6% Roussanne .4% Viognier

Chemistry at bottling: pH: 3.32 Total Acidity: 7 grams/liter

Alcohol: 13.38% **Free SO2:** 29 ppm **Total SO2:** 69 ppm

Roussanne is so often blended with Marsanne that people forget what a great grape is can be when it stands alone. I always think of Roussanne as one of the most haunting of the white grape varieties. It has a lingering earthy nose and a rich complex mouth that goes on long after the wine is swallowed. In my book, Roussanne ranks right up with Chardonnay as one of the greatest of white grapes. The 2009 Esoterica Roussanne shows just how lovely the fully expressed grape can be. The nose is rich, but not cloying, with earthy notes, mushrooms, nuts and tea. The mouth follows this theme, but then has lots of crisp green apple fruit also. This is a lovely wine and a great example of what Roussanne should be. I hope you enjoy it.