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46% VERMENTINO • 44% GRENACHE BLANC • 10% PICPOUL

GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY UNTI VINEYARDS

HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA ALCOHOL 13.2% BY VOLUME

H A R V E S T E D :

10/4, 10/5 & 10/13
2011

BRIX AVG. 20-21.5

B L E N D :

100% SYRAH

ACIDITY: .65 g/100ml

p H : 3.40

ALCOHOL: 13.2 %

A G I N G :

STAINLESS STEEL &
CONCRETE TANKS

B O T T L E D :

2/1/12

C A S E S P R O D U C E D :

211

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VARIETAL & VINEYARD: Our 2011 Cuvée Blanc comes from a 1-acre experimental vineyard planted in 2004. After tasting through several lots of white Rhone varietal wines from Tablas Creek winery, we chose to plant Grenache Blanc (0.51 acres), Picpoul (0.11 acres) and Vermentino (0.41 acres). All three of these varieties are native to the Mediterranean areas of Europe and as such, tend to retain natural acidity and mineral characteristics in warmer climates.

HARVEST/ VINIFICATION: 2011 was undoubtedly the coolest growing season we have ever experienced. Consequently, we harvested all of the whites at very low sugars—between 20 and 21.5 brix. All three of these grapes usually ripen mid-to-late in a normal season. We harvested them at lower sugars to avoid losing them to bunch rot thanks to an early October rain. The grapes are whole cluster pressed and the juice is allowed to settle for a few days prior to beginning fermentation. Our whites are fermented in stainless steel tanks at temperatures below 70 degrees to retain bright aromas. We did not allow this wine to go through malolactic fermentation in order to preserve acidity.

STYLE/DESCRIPTION: We didn't intend on harvesting Vermentino at such low sugars, but based on the results, we will in subsequent vintages. There is a mineral quality in our 2011 Cuvée Blanc that will have you thinking it is not from California! This floral and fruity wine is dry with brilliant acidity. Cuvée Blanc is a soulful alternative to the other whites grown in this valley. It cries out for shellfish. MU