

Spiriterra Vineyards

Napa Valley Family Estate

2012 Muscadine



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Appellation: Napa Valley
Vineyard Designation: 100% of muscadine grapes were hand harvested from Spiriterra Vineyards
Alcohol: 12.3%
Production: 24 cases 750ml
Total Acidity: 5.92 g/L
pH: 3.33
Residual Sugar: 1.7%
Barrel Aging: 12 months in neutral French oak
Harvest Date: October 27, 2012
Bottling Date: December 17, 2013

THE VINEYARD

Spiriterra Vineyards is a small, family-owned vineyard located in the Howell Mountain hills area east of St. Helena. 100% of our grapes are hand picked from our estate ensuring only the highest quality grapes go into our wine. Spiriterra Vineyards is geographically blessed with incredible soils, good mountainside drainage, excellent sun exposure, and extraordinary growing conditions. Long, warm days and cool nights, which allow for a slow accumulation of sugar, provide ideal conditions for properly ripening our grapes.

In 2009 we planted our, and Napa Valley's, first experimental muscadine vineyard. Spiriterra Vineyards proprietor, Paul Dean, grew up in rural Georgia and wanted to bring a little bit of his southeast upbringing to the Napa Valley. These truly native grapes of North America are traditionally grown in the southeastern United States and have been cultivated for more than 400 years for the production of commercial fine wines and ports. The grapes are thriving here in the Napa Valley and our vineyard has expanded to two acres.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES, KENN VIGODA:

The unique aroma of this wine is described as "Foxy" in the East and Midwest and it is an exact replica of the aroma of the grapes themselves. Actually, quite tropical fragrances with papaya, mango and kiwi overtones greet the nose. These scents carry over nicely in the mouth and follow into a very pleasant off-dry finish. This wine can be enjoyed as an aperitif, with hors d'oeuvres or light fish or chicken dishes. Try it with spicy Asian dishes to quench the fire and soothe the palate.



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