



2022 'A Frayed Knot' Skin Contact Gewürztraminer Willamette Valley

100 Cases Produced

Vineyard Composition

100% Sunnyside Vineyard, Salem

Chemistry

12.5% Alcohol

4.6 g/L Titratable Acidity

3.71 pH

Production Notes

Sometimes the best things come as a result of an accident. When your hand is forced in an unfamiliar direction, you can discover paths and solutions you never knew you liked. That is how this wine came to be. I first made it by sort of mistake in 2013 when I was 'gifted' a half-ton of Gewürztraminer fruit, and have been refining those happy accidents ever since. It may seem to us like a frayed knot, but the knot knows exactly what it is doing (and is not afraid).

Vineyard Notes

Sunnyside Vineyard is situated in the southeast corner of Salem, not far from the Enchanted Forest amusement park – a local favorite for generations of Oregonians. This vineyard is my 'go-to' site for aromatic and complex whites. In addition to Gewürztraminer, I also source my top Riesling from this parcel of land. Sunnyside was first planted in the early 1970s. The site was settled and has been farmed by Tom Owen and Luci Wisniewski ever since 1980. They planted the Gewürztraminer block on its own roots in 1981.

Vintage Notes

We picked 1.6 tons of Gewurztraminer on October 7th, when the skins had turned their typical rosy blush color but the acid had not yet disappeared from the fruit. The clusters were destemmed and the bins of juicy berries were carefully stacked in a cool spot in the winery. Usually we would cold soak for up to two weeks before pressing these grapes, but the ambient temperature was too warm and the must spontaneously began to ferment. We attempted to cool it down, but to no avail, so we pressed it and moved it into some neutral barrels that used to have Pinot noir in them for aging. It finished dry and went through malolactic spontaneously in barrel. The 2022 'A Frayed Knot' was bottled unfinned and unfiltered, with the minimum amount of sulfur required for stability, on April 7th, 2023