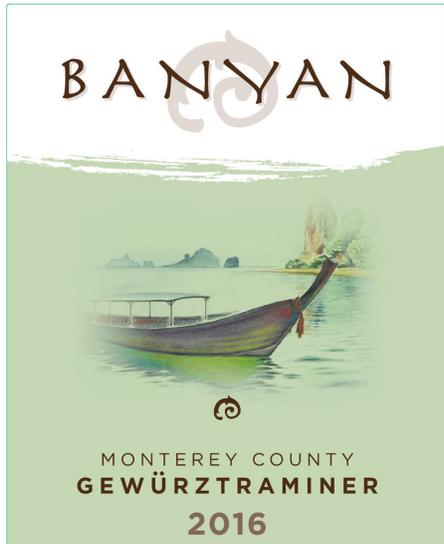


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Monterey County Gewürztraminer 2016



With yields returning somewhat to normal, the 2016 Gewürztraminer is back to being grown 100% at Ventana Vineyards in the Arroyo Seco AVA of Monterey. Typical for that area, wind, fog, and cool temperatures predominate year round. Both vineyards are carefully farmed to assure the specific ripeness, a balance of sugar and acidity, that we are looking for. A long growing season and temperatures that rarely rise above 80°F create an ideal spot for such an intensely aromatic wine.

Having tried it both ways, we now choose to mechanically harvest versus handpicking. The added skin contact time while in transport to the winery boosts the aromatics and savoriness of the wine. Once at the winery, grapes are pressed then cold settled for 72 hours before the fermentation is allowed to begin. Fermentation this vintage lasted 31 days at 54°F

2016 was not as warm or as early as 2015. Consequently, acids were a little higher and the flavors have a certain density to them. With more acid, we left just a touch more residual sugar before arresting the fermentation.

APELLATION	100% Gewurztraminer	SERVING SUGGESTIONS Serve chilled between 2-5°C. Acid will be firmer at cooler temperatures, but the aromatics will be more pronounced when warmer. A great match for anything spicy especially Thai, Vietnamese, and Indian foods.
HARVEST	Aug 24, 2016 at 21.2° Brix	
FERMENTATION	100% Stainless Steel	
RELEASE	November, 2015	
ANALYSIS	pH: 3.25 TA: 6.3 g/L Alcohol: 11.8% Residual Sugar: 0.66%	NOTES
PRODUCTION	1609 cases	

HISTORY

Banyan Wines is a father and son project from Somchai and Kenny Likitprakong born out of a mutual passion for wine, their Thai heritage, and an idea to combine the two. They produce appellation-specific California white wines that pair with Asian cuisines. The Banyan philosophy is to use only sustainably and/or organically farmed grapes from vineyards in regions with microclimates ideally suited for the particular variety.

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