

ROUSSANNE

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Roussanne is a richly complex white grape indigenous to the Rhône region of France. Here in California, Zaca Mesa Vineyard represents an ideal site, where complex sandy loam soils, high elevation, and breezy afternoons produce one of the most complex and mineral-driven examples in California.

The 2017 Roussanne opens up beautifully with tones that are evocative of a recently extinguished candle, while carrying an undertone of plumerias in bloom during a warm rain. Although the palate is quite youthful, given that this varietal tends to blossom with maturity, the structure is integrated and gracefully introduces the new oak that this wine was aged in. With the lively acidity focused at the front of the palate, there is a welcome baked russet apple texture that builds late in the sip and is braided with a touch of steeped black tea.



APPELLATION
Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION
99.7% Roussanne, 0.3%
Grenache Blanc

AGING
16 months in 20%
new French oak

VINEYARDS
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ALCOHOL
14.5%

PRODUCTION
403 cases

WINEMAKING AND VINEYARD TEAM

Kristin, Randy, Agustin, Ruben, José, Angel, & Ramirez