

## 2013

## **COQUILLE BLANC\***

(White Rhone-style blend)

Paso Robles

We originally created the 2008 version of this wine to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a winery in 2010. With the exotic complexity and food friendliness of a white Rhone-style blend, it is a "red-drinker's white," a complex alternative to the more one-dimensional white varietal wines like Chardonnay and Sauvignon blanc. It is the perfect complement to its namesake shellfish, as well as chicken or pork dishes with buttery-creamy sauces. \*Coquille is pronounced "ko-keel" and it is French for shellfish or scallop, like the scallop shells on the Shelton family coat of arms.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Exotic nose of spicy pears and white peaches, almond paste/marzipan,

a touch of honeysuckle perfume. Multi-dimensional (many layers), a hard-to-describe range of aromatics, intriguing, almost mysterious! In the mouth it is crisply dry yet creamy and round and full-bodied,

with nice almond paste on crisp-yet-juicy pear fruit.

Harvest Date: August 24 and September 14, 2013

Average Brix at Harvest: 22.3°Brix

Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.50 gm/100ml pH 3.60

Fermentation Characteristics: 100% barrel fermented, then stirred every 10 days for 9 months

Cellar Storage/Aging: 11 months in older French oak barrels

Alcohol: 13.1% 0.3% RS

Total Acidity: 0.61 gm/100ml 3.45 pH

Varietals: 40% Grenache blanc

25% Roussanne 20% Viognier 15% Marsanne

Appellation: 100% Paso Robles, Nevarez Vyd

Sustainably Grown

Case production: 600 cases

Bottling Date: August 1, 2014

Release Date: October 1, 2014

