

2018

COQUILLE BLANC*

(White Rhone-style blend)

Paso Robles

We originally created the 2008 version of this wine to celebrate our 10th 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: September 10 (Roussanne/Viognier) and 30 (GB/Marsanne), 2018

Average Brix at Harvest: Rou 25.2/Vio 24.2/GB 22.6/M 21.0°Brix TA: 0.51g/100ml / 3.88 pH

Fermentation Characteristics: 100% barrel fermented, then stirred every Wednesday for 8 months

About 50% finished malo-lactic fermentation

Cellar Storage/Aging: 9 months in all French oak barrels:

15% 1-yr-old, 15% 2-3-yr-old Acacia, 70% older/neutral

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total Acidity: 0.68 gm/100ml 3.38 pH

0.4% RS (dry)

Varietals: 38% Grenache Blanc

22% Roussanne 28% Viognier 12% Marsanne

Appellation: 100% Paso Robles, Nevarez Vyd

**all Sustainably Grown

Case production: 986 cases
Bottling Date: May 23, 2019
Release Date: December 1, 2019

