

HARRINGTON



2012 Trousseau, Siletto Vineyard, Cienega Valley

Vineyard:

Located in a remote valley southeast of Hollister in the Gavilan Mountains, the Siletto Vineyard is an on-going experimental site for the odd and unusual. Numerous French and Italian varieties such as Sangrantino, Montepulciano and Trousseau have been planted on a steep south-facing hillside just north of the San Benito River. The well-drained soil of this vineyard is a fortuitous mix of limestone and granite from the surrounding Gavilan Mountains and helps build sturdy structure and carry into the Siletto Vineyard wines.

Variety:

Lovely expressions of this grape are found in the Jura region of eastern France. Extremely rare in California. Known in Portugal as Bastardo and used in Port blends. Ageable and complex. Chenin Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc are siblings.

Descriptors:

rose petal, fragile, light berry, pepper, warm, bramble, wild, woodsey, powerful, structured

Winemaking:

Harvest: September 25, 2012

Brix: 23.0

TA: .78

pH: 3.23

Alcohol: 14.1%

Yeast: Native yeast

Cases produced: 53

Bottled: June, 2013

small lots

neutral oak

no temperature manipulations

no filtration, no fining

racked once to bottling tank

minimal sulfur additions