

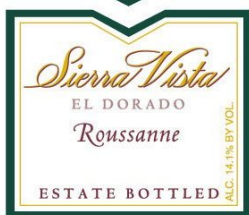


Sierra Vista
VINEYARDS & WINERY, LLC

2007 Roussanne

PHILOSOPHY

An exciting addition to our Rhône portfolio, Roussanne is a native of the Northern Rhône Valley. In our quest to become the premier Rhône producer of California, we decided to expand by introducing another white wine to our expanding line of Rhône-style wines. Often blended with Viognier, we are so pleased with the Roussanne on its' own, we decided to bottle it as a stand alone in 2003. We are excited by the round, full mouth feel and the crisp citrus fruit with a mineral finish.



VINEYARD SOURCE

Planted in 1999 on 110R rootstock, we received our first harvest from the vines in 2003. Grown here on a south-western slope where it receives the warm afternoon sun, the Roussanne ripens late in the season. Interestingly enough, the name Roussanne is taken from the French word for brown or “roux” and we discovered why. When the Roussanne is fully ripe, the fruit turns a speckled brown color. This in turn produces juice that is brown however, when fermented with yeast it becomes a lovely pale straw -golden

color.

2007 VINTAGE

We had a normal spring with bud break at the usual time followed by a moderate summer. This allowed the grapes to ripen to maturity without developing high sugar and thus high alcohol. We started harvesting in the second week of September – which is about normal.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

This is our fifth vintage of Roussanne and we love the results.

Flowery aromas of wild rose, lime and mineral lead to a full, round mouthfeel with notes of pear, honey and muted citrus flavors enhanced by partial malolactic fermentation. This wine is fresh and fruity when young but is one white wine that will improve with age.

John MacCready, Winemaker

Harvest Date	October 5
Sugar at Harvest	23.2° Brix
Bottling Date	March 2008
Release Date	Dec 2008
Cases Produced	130