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STOLPMAN VINEYARDS
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ORANGE WINE
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
'LOVE YOU BUNCHES'
2021

TECHNICAL

VINEYARD COMPONENTS

Old vines, mainly planted in the 1970s in the Los Alamos Corridor and Los Olivos District of Santa Barbara County

VARIETAL BLEND

50% Pinot Gris, 23% Orange Muscat, 19% Semillon,
8% Gewürztraminer

VINIFICATION

De-stemmed & left whole-grape

FINAL ANALYSIS

alcohol: 12.5%

FERMENTATION & ELEVAGE:

Carbonic fermentation for 7 days in shallow stainless steel tanks. Pressed into stainless steel tanks to complete fermentation

RELEASE DATE

January 1, 2022

HARVEST DATE

Pinot Gris and Orange Muscat field blend co-ferment
September 7-8. Gewurztraminer Sep 11 and 13, Semillon
Sep 21, 29 & last Orange Muscat October 9

TOTAL PRODUCTION

4700 cases

VINTAGE

The year's evenly moderate growing conditions left plenty of hang time for 2021 grapes to accumulate beautiful flavors and texture with plenty of balancing acidity. We harvested the traditionally early-picked varieties for Love You Bunches Orange for over a month, leading to a breadth of ripeness

SENSORY

The Pinot Gris and Orange Muscat co-ferment provides a redish orange tint while the Gewürztraminer brings a pink peach tone. The Semillon adds a bright yellow tint to bring the final blend back to an orange hue. Pinot Gris lends savory rich layers, while the Gewürztraminer brings ripe aromatic aromas and feathery mid-palate stuffing. The tropical orange muscat becomes integrated into the gewürztraminer while the Semillon brings the finish of the wine to a high-acid crunch. Over-all the wine shows firm, quenching citrus fruit with loads of mashable, mouth-filling tactile yumminess.

BACKGROUND

After the success of our first whole-grape, carbonic-fermentation of "white" grapes in 2020, Pete Stolpman spent the first part of 2021 scouring Santa Barbara wine country for potential components for his follow up effort. He was thrilled to find Gewurztraminer to add color, texture, and an exotic floral + spice component. Bitter sweetly, this might be the last vintage from the Semillon planted in 1972 on My Friend Matt's Vineyard in the Los Olivos District AVA as these days, the old vines are producing extremely low yields.

Following the same technique that we employ with the red version of Love You Bunches, Carbonic Sangiovese, we lovingly hand-harvest each bunch to keep the grapes intact for the first week of fermentation. This process gently extracts skin color and texture while allowing the wine to remain delicate and fresh, without tannin or coarseness.