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## 2009 Gewürztraminer Russian River Valley

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### **The Vineyards:**

Our off-dry Gewürztraminer is made from grapes grown in a cool climate which allows the distinctive flavors and aromas to mature and develop. Hook & Ladder's estate vineyards in the southern reaches of the Russian River Valley produce just such conditions. Cooling ocean breezes, summer fog that gives way to warm days and unique soils create optimum growing conditions for this grape.

### **The Winemaking:**

After crushing and de-stemming the hand-harvested grapes, this juice was cold-fermented slowly in stainless steel tanks to insure the fresh, fruit-forward flavors and inherent spicy and floral aromas remained prominent.

### **The Wine:**

Our golden straw colored Gewürztraminer delivers vibrant aromas of honeydew and grapefruit that remind us of floral tropics. On the palate an elegant mix of melon and soft green apple flavors pair up with faint notes of lemon drop candy and a long ruby-red grapefruit finish that is the perfect compliment to the slightest note of sweetness. This is a wine to pair with spicy Asian cuisine, grilled sausages, or just a warm summer afternoon.

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### **Technical Information:**

**Harvested:** September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009

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**Alcohol %:** 12.5    **pH:** 3.33    **Total Acidity:** .71    **Case Production:** 1047

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**Release Date:** Winter 2009    **Sugar %:** 1.00    **Suggested Retail Price:** \$16

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