

2010 Keller Estate RÔTIF

ur first-time release Rôtie is a homage to Côte-Rôtie, the northern-most appellation of the Rhone Valley and is famously translated to "the roasted slope," referring to the long hours of sunlight that grapes receive on these steep slopes.

We created our Rôtie according to the same appellation rules: co-fermentation of Syrah and up to 20% Viognier (in our case 5% Viognier) in the same tank. Traditionally, locals used this process to balance out the earth in the Syrah with the floral notes found in Viognier. Since our La Cruz Syrah is brighter than our Rhone Valley counterparts, 5% Viognier was the perfect addition to enhance the aroma of the La Cruz Syrah.

The meritage creates a wine that is smooth and velvety, soft tannins. The Viognier brightens the floral and mineral characteristics of the wine, exhibiting velvety tannins, hints of vanilla and violets, culminating with notes of raspberry and plum.

| PRODUCTION: | 429 cases |
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| HARVEST DATES: | October 15-October 22 |
| BOTTLING DATE: | February 2013 |
| PH: | 3.77 |
| TOTAL ACIDITY: | 6.13 gl |
| ALCOHOL: | 14.1% |
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