Domaine de la Terre Rouge

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES





ENIGMA®

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY DOMAINE DE LA TERRE ROUGE PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA. ALC. 14.5% BY VOL.

2012 Terre Rouge Enigma®, Sierra Foothills

(50% Marsanne, 29% Roussanne & 21% Viognier)

Enigma is made from fruit harvested from one vineyard site, Suma Kaw, planted in volcanic soil at an elevation of 3,000 feet in Pleasant Valley area of El Dorado County. The vineyard is on a sweeping North slope where we harvested the Marsanne on September 25th, the Viognier on September 28th, and the Roussanne on October 15th in 2012 more or less at normal picking dates. This high, cool elevation allows us to let the fruit hang for full flavor development while maintaining proper acidity. The vines grow on a vertical trellis with upward shoot and cane positioning for good fruit exposure to sunlight. The grapes are hand-picked into small bins and whole-cluster pressed. Fermentation takes place in older French oak barrels. The wine was bottled the following June 2013. Aromas suggest almond blossoms, honey, and acacia with hints of tangerine and papaya. Flavors are creamy with peach, apple, and quince impressions competing for your attention. The finish is crisp with classic white Rhône stone (peach) fruit pit flavors that intermingle with the subtle mineral tones from this rocky site. Enjoyable young, the wine also gains great complexity with bottle age.

14.2 % alcohol by vol.; 3.58 pH; 6.0 gm./liter total acidity