

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2006 Roussanne Central Coast

The Winery

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Patrice Nadeau and her husband, Robert. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. At its location and elevation, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives about twice the rainfall seen below in Paso Robles (Elev: 960')

The Wine

The Nadeau Family Vintners' 2006 Roussanne Central Coast is an interesting white wine. It is 94% Roussanne; 6% Viognier and is a great follow-up vintage to the 4 previous Roussanne offerings which were so spectacular. Roussanne is one of the more pronounceable Rhone varieties and is the one which has become our very favorite white wine grape.

The Blend

94% Roussanne
6% Viognier

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles
100% Delicious.

Harvest: early September; Sugar @ Harvest: 25.5 Brix; TA: 0.68 gm./100mL; pH: 3.49
Finished Wine EtOH: 15.4% By Vol.

These grapes were whole-cluster pressed using a pneumatic bladder press, cold-settled, inoculated with yeast and barrel fermented in new Eastern European and French oak barrels. The resulting wine was aged *sur-lie*, (with its yeasty lees) and was periodically topped with Viognier. This delightful wine was cold-stabilized then filtered and bottled.

The 2006 Vintage yielded only 119 cases.

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