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Santa Ynez Valley - Estate Grown

The distinctive growing conditions of our estate vineyard are a perfect fit for Vermentino, inspiring us to feature this underrated Italian variety in our small family of white wines.

### ESTATE VINEYARD

The 35-acre Brick Barn estate vineyard lies just north of the Santa Ynez River in a largely unexplored winegrowing corridor near the city of Buellton in the western Santa Ynez Valley. With the Pacific Ocean just 10 miles away, the marine influence is forceful, yet sun exposure remains persistent—a providential combination that produces fruit with exceptional dimension. Our Vermentino is planted to the Tablas A clone in Block 7, a small two-acre parcel situated behind our winery. Here, sandy riverbed soils foster vivid aromatics in our Vermentino fruit, while the persistent Pacific breezes help maintain fresh acidity right through full maturity. Tight 6x3 vine spacing ensures that yields are kept in check for the sake of natural flavor intensity.

### WINEMAKING

The vision behind our Vermentino is to produce a varietally true wine that exhibits a vibrant yet complex fruit character. The fruit was harvested at night and pressed in the morning. The juice was cold settled for four days, then racked off the solids and cold fermented in stainless steel for a period of 14 days. The wine was then racked off the lees and aged in stainless steel for 16 months prior to bottling. Stainless steel was employed for fermentation and aging to ensure the retention of delicate aromatics and bright fruit flavors.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Vermentino presents captivating aromas of white grape, pineapple and honeysuckle with a suggestion of coconut. The palate is viscous and mouthwatering, displaying pure stone fruit flavors with notes of mineral, pear and citrus zest. A balanced finish is distinguished by lively acidity and a beautiful sense of sea breeze salinity.

### *Vineyard:*

Brick Barn Estate,  
Block 7

### *Clone:*

Tablas A

### *Varietal Composition:*

Vermentino 100%

### *Aging Regimen:*

Six months in 100%  
stainless steel

### *pH:*

3.31

### *Alcohol:*

13%

### *SRP:*

\$38

