

Since 2003, the Roussanne for this elegant blend has come from two distinct blocks from Dry Stack Vineyard, both planted exclusively for Donelan Family Wines. 30% of the blend comes from a small, quarter acre block we refer to as The Rocky Block with the balance of the Roussanne coming from an East-facing slope. The power and weighty mouthfeel combined with the fresh stone fruit from the sloped block make for a well balanced wine.

The hallmark characteristic of the Bennett Valley Roussanne used in this blend is extremely slow ripening, with harvests consistently falling into mid-October. We attribute the intensity on the nose to the fruit's time on the vine, maturing slowly, with complex flavors evolving at lower than normal equilibrium.

The 2021 Venus Roussanne-Viognier has great brightness and flavor that we love with seared scallops. This vintage has much less Viognier than usual at just 2.5%, but it still shines through as a perfume of ripe apricot, cinnamon stick, honeysuckle, and white citrus flower. On the palate, the Roussanne's decadent but composed richness embodies orange marmalade and freshly baked almond torte with hints of wet stone.

### *Cellar Notes:*

**Percentage New Oak**

None

**Barrel Aging**

10 months

**Bottling Date**

July 2022

*~Native Ferment/Native ML*

**Composition**

97.5% Roussanne

2.5% Viognier

**Alcohol**

12.6%

**Production**

229 cases

