

# BLASTED CHURCH™

## BLASTED CHURCH GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2009

Appellation: Okanagan Valley (VQA)

### HARVEST NOTES

The 2009 edition of the Blasted Church Gewürztraminer is a blend of fruit from Kelowna/ Peachland and our own estate. The 2009 vintage was dry, warm, early and fast. This can be noted in the % of alcohol. Brix were jumping 2-3 brix per week. This makes it very difficult to pinpoint a picking time; as sugars rise and flavors develop slowly. For example, our estate grown fruit did not lose the green/unripe flavor until reaching 24 brix. This resulted in developed flavors and high sugars (25.2 brix) reading at pressing time.

### WINEMAKING

The fruit from each vineyard was processed and vinified separately to emphasize the unique varietal character and vineyard region. All parcels of fruit were whole bunch and whole berry sorted before pressing. The fruit from Kelowna and BCV were handled in a similar manner. Both were pressed off and racked several days later, warmed and inoculated with a specific yeast strain. The Peachland Gewürztraminer was whole bunch and whole berry sorted to remove any undesirable leaves, vines, stems and rot. After the sorting, the fruit was left to cold soak on skins for 72 hours before pressing. During the 72 hours, the fruit was hand plunged once a day. After 3 days on skins the fruit was pressed off and followed a similar procedure to the other two parcels of Gewürztraminer.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

**Colour:** Mid straw.

**Bouquet:** Balanced citrus, lychee and ginger aromas followed by hints of perfume and gooseberry.

**Palate:** Med bodied, with citrus, lychee, grapefruit rind and a spiced finish.

**Food Pairings:** Jamaican jerk Chicken, Turkey cheese burgers, Samosa's or any spicy Asian/Indian dish.

### Varietal Profile

Gewurztraminer/ BCV  
Gewurztraminer/ Kelowna  
Gewurztraminer/ Peachland

### Brix at Harvest

25.2 Bx  
24.0 Bx  
23.2 Bx

Total acidity: 6.6g/L  
Final pH: 3.43  
Residual Sugar: 7g/L  
Alcohol: 14.4%  
Cases Produced: 1500  
CSPC: +711200

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