



**Santa Ynez AVA**

**CORDON WINES CUVÉE BLANC 246**

**CALIFORNIA**

**Rhone White Cuvee**



### **The History**

#### **Etienne Terlinden – Winemaker & Owner**

Etienne's passion for wine was rooted in his grandfather's wine cellar at the family's chateau near Brussels in Belgium while his winemaking talents came to life in Santa Barbara County where he became interested in the area's unique microclimates and ability to produce wines with distinct character. Etienne handcrafts small batches of exceptional wines, each varietal expressing a very certain old world sensibility. Etienne is also Executive Winemaker for Summerland Winery and consulting winemaker to a dozen or so others in the Santa Barbara area.



### **The Grape**

60% Roussanne, 30% Marsanne, 10% Viognier

### **Wine Making**

After harvest, the grapes are gently pressed then barrel fermented separately using native yeast. Maturation in neutral oak barrels takes as long as 16 months to insure a rich wine, with flavors of white peach and honey before precise blending.



### **Tasting Note**

A wonderful white Rhone style blend of Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier from the Los Olivos District of Santa Barbara County. Farmed in the amazing climate of the Santa Ynez Valley these three wonderful grape varieties make a rich and dense blended white wine.

