

# ST. AMANT

## VERDELHO MISS INDEPENDENT 2014



### VINEYARD

Verdelho is a white Portuguese grape variety most recognized for its vinification into fortified wines on the island of Madeira. However, following phyloxera few vines were replaced, and the name has long denoted a style of wine rather than a particular variety. Recently, the variety has had its most commercial success in the vibrant lemony-flavored table wines of Australia where its natural high acidity lends itself well to a refreshing style of wine.

The grapes for this wine come from our own vineyard in the foothills of Amador County. The vineyard is in a relatively cool site for the Sierra Foothills with a large diurnal temperature swing that produces whites with bright refreshing flavors.

### WINEMAKING STYLE

The 2014 is our twelfth vintage of this relatively little known Portuguese white variety. The juice was fermented and aged completely in stainless steel in order to retain the varietals natural refreshing fruit character. The aromatic juice was inoculated with yeast native to the Southern Rhone. The un-oaked wine was aged for five months in stainless and did not go through malo-lactic fermentation.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS - STUART SPENCER

St. Amant is one of the few growers of this exotic Portuguese white variety in California. The wine has bright crisp lemony flavors that highlight this delicious fruit-driven wine. Delightfully refreshing, Verdelho's naturally high acidity make it an ideal companion to pan-Asian cuisine or as a stand alone summer sipper.

### STATISTICS

Varietal: 100% Verdelho  
Vintage: 2014  
Alcohol: 14.0%  
pH: 3.36

Harvest Date: 08/20/14  
Bottling Date: 3/07/15  
Production: 203 Cases