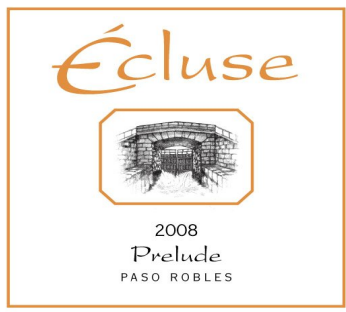


2008 ÉCLUSE PRELUDE



225 Cases Produced
14.9 Alcohol
3.4 pH
0.62g/l Titratable Acidity

Écluse Wines is a tiny family owned vineyard and winery tucked away in the prized rolling hills in the Westside of the Paso Robles AVA. Since planting the vineyard in 1998 my wife Pam and I have personally farmed and proudly sold our “Lock Vineyard” fruit to such critically acclaimed Westside neighbors as Linne Calodo and SummerWood among others. But, in early 2001 we decided to keep some of the fruit for ourselves, making small batches of the wines we like to drink. Now, with the help of noted consulting winemaker Scott Hawley, we have expanded our production to include our second release of our highly popular white Rhone style wine our 2008 Écluse Prelude.

At the present time our vineyard is planted to red varietals and we sourced the fruit for this wonderful white Rhone style blend from some of the other great Westside vineyards.

Prelude is a blend of 37% Viognier - 35% - Roussanne - 18% Grenache Blanc - 10% Marsanne. The fruit was harvested in mid September and early October and went immediately into a bladder press and into neutral oak barrels for fermentation. The wine was in neutral oak barrels from harvest to March of 2009 when it was racked, blended and cold stabilized into a stainless steel tank before bottling in early April, 2009.

Our 2008 Prelude brings together the best characteristics of Viognier, Grenache Blanc, Marsanne and Roussanne. It is a wine that challenges the senses because of its complexity. The marriage of these four varietals has resulted in a well-balanced wine that shows floral notes, hints of honey and fruit as well as spices and nuts.

“Aging in neutral barrels for six months allowed the fruit to show through with just a hint of oak producing an elegant complex wine that is perfectly balanced. Enjoy our wonderful Prelude with fresh greens for a starter or with a cheese platter at the end of a scrumptious meal - or its own as you relax at the end of the day.”

Steven Lock
Winemaker