

# 2010 L'Entente Blanc Marsanne Yakima Valley

## Vineyards

Boushey Vineyard/ Yakima Valley AVA/ Marsanne	40%
Elephant Mountain Vineyard/ Rattlesnake Hills AVA/ Marsanne	39%
Elephant Mountain Vineyard/ Viognier	11%
Coyote Canyon Vineyard/ Horse Heaven Hills/ Roussanne	10%

## Tasting Notes

Our latest flagship wine, the 1st offering of a new white Rhone blend. Rare Marsanne grapes drive this gem, a gleaming yellow diamond with aromas of honeysuckle, stone fruits and roasted nuts. Aromas herald flavors of apricot, peach and toasted almonds, blending in a spicy, long finish.

## Vintage Notes

2010 was a beautiful vintage for white wines in Washington State. The grapes' *hang-time* extended long into fall, but with no excess sugar developing. Rich flavors emerged, and the fruit retained great natural acidity. These ideal conditions produce elegant white wines with great finesse and balance. This extraordinary wine will cellar well 2-5 years.

## Technical Notes

**Blend:** 79% Marsanne 11% Viognier 10% Roussanne

**Harvest Dates:** Mid to late October 2010

**Harvest Chemistry Avg:** Brix: 23 Total Acidity Avg: 6.1 g/L pH Avg: 3.2-3.4

## Vinification

We *de-stemmed* the Marsanne grapes from Boushey Vineyard and Elephant Mountain Vineyard to open top fermenters, cold-soaked the grapes for 24 hours on the skins, then pressed to tank. After the juice settled, we gravity-racked to neutral oak barrels and fermented with selected Rhone yeasts. A portion of the lot was set aside to ferment with native yeast, on the skins, to near dryness. We aged on full lees for 12 months without racking, performing battonage (lees stirring) once weekly until mid December. We undertook no Malolactic fermentation. A light fining and sterile filtration preceded bottling.

**Wine Chemistry:** Alc v/v: 13.3% pH: 3.65 Total Acidity: 6 g/L FSO<sub>2</sub>: 30ppm R/S 1 g/L

**Bottled:** October 27th, 2011 Cases: 85

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