



NOVELLA

FINE WINES

1999 LATE HARVEST MOSCATO

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WINEMAKER NOTES

We are proud to offer our first release of the Novella Late Harvest Moscato, a unique dessert wine with lively tropical aromas and a sumptuous, fruity flavor. The 1999 vintage was ideal for this style of wine, as mild summer temperatures followed by a dry, extended fall resulted in slow, even ripening with no mildew, sunburn or raisining, just concentration of sugar and flavor.

The ultra-ripe bunches were gently destemmed, chilled and steeped for several days before pressing. The resulting nectar was inoculated with a special yeast strain from Germany and fermented ice-cold for four months until just the right balance of sweetness and acidity was achieved.

The aroma is a symphony of intense fruit: apricot, lemon blossom, and honey mingle with melon and papaya. The finish is moderately sweet with a crisp, fruity aftertaste. Drinkable now, but will age gracefully for up to five years when stored properly.

Recommended Food Pairing: *Serve ice-cold with apple pie, cheesecake or custard-based desserts.*

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal Composition:	<i>100% Muscat Canelli</i>
Harvest Date:	<i>October 27, 1999</i>
Harvest Brix:	<i>32.0°</i>
Residual Sugar:	<i>15.2%</i>
Total Acid:	<i>.81 grams/100ml</i>
pH:	<i>3.51</i>
Fermentation Regime:	<i>Stainless steel</i>
Finished Alcohol:	<i>12.2%</i>
Total Production:	<i>3,000 (12/375 ml) cases</i>