

2008 Twilight Late Harvest Botrytised Semillon/Muscat Blanc



ABOUT THE WINE

This Sauternes-style wine is a blend of 90% botrytised late harvest Semillon and 10% Muscat Blanc. The Semillon for our Twilight grows on the east side of the Russian River just south of Healdsburg, California. Cool, foggy nights followed by the warm sun during the day makes an ideal environment for the “Nobel Rot” Botrytis to grow and provide that concentration of flavors and complexity that great sauternes poses. The Muscat vines were planted with original cuttings from our 1908 Old Vine Zinfandel vineyard, where they were inter-planted with Zinfandel for the field blend. We began using the Muscat on its own as a sweet dessert wine for our friends a few years ago, but have found that adding small amounts to of it to the Semillon adds additional complexity and great aromas to our Twilight.

TASTING NOTES

The nose is generous and direct with apricots, flowers, honey and pears. The palate is rich, lush and consistent with the bouquet. The finish is long and savory.

TECHNICAL DATA

Harvest Dates: October 5, 2008

Sugar at Harvest: 32° Brix

Residual Sugar: 5.6%

Alcohol: 14.3%

PH: 3.57

Average Total Acid: 0.63

Release Date: January 27, 2010

Total Production: 100 cases

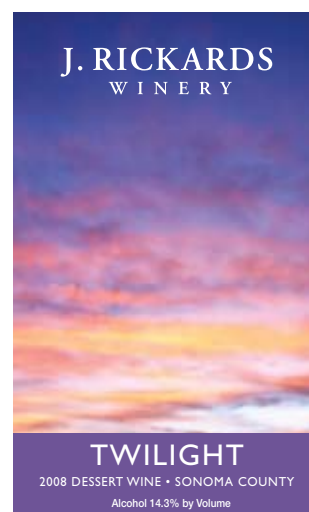
AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Silver Medal – 2010 San Diego Wine Competition:

Bronze Medal – 2010 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

ABOUT THE VINES

When Jim and Eliza Rickards founded J. Rickards Winery in 2004, their goal was to produce hand-made wines that showcased the diverse soils and varying micro-climates of their Vineyards. Beginning in 1978, Jim has established himself as one of the area’s foremost grape growers. He has pioneered efficient vineyard practices and has been a long-time proponent of sustainable farming techniques. Alex Holman, winemaker, was brought on board in 2008 to maintain the artisan style of making small lots from several varietals grown on the estate vineyards and by select neighbors.



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