

ZOCKER

Zocker is an American winery that produces wines made exclusively from the white varietals of Grüner Veltliner and Riesling. The grapes are grown on the Niven family's famed Paragon Vineyard in the Edna Valley on the Central Coast of California, and the wines are made by veteran French winemaker Christian Roguenant. The latest project of Niven Family Wine Estates, Zocker (Austrian word for Gambler) is likely their riskiest venture yet, as these varietals are far from conventional.



WINEMAKER COMMENTS

“Rich and round but with great acid structure, this wine is steely and has good minerality. It has a bit of an earthy characteristic, a note of white pepper, and flavors of ripe melon and fruit cocktail.”

Winemaker

Christian Roguenant



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2009 GRÜNER VELTLINER

VINEYARD

AVA: *Edna Valley, California, USA*

Vineyard: *Paragon Vineyard*

Vineyard Certification: *SIP™ Certified Sustainable*

Climate: *Cool, Extended Growing Season, Pacific Ocean Influence*

Soils: *Diablo series, clay loam, rocky marine sediment and volcanic remnants*

Block: *168*

Acres: *8.29*

Clone: *Field Selection*

Rootstock: *101-14*

Spacing: *10x5*

Trellis: *VSP*

Rows: *61*

Vines: *7,220 plants in total*

Tons per acre: *1.74*

Harvested: *September 21, 2009*

Average Brix: *23.1*

WINEMAKING

Winemaker: *Christian Roguenant*

Fermentation: *Stainless steel @ 58°F for 32 days*

Yeast: *X5*

Bottled: *June 23, 2010*

Closure: *Screwcap*

ML: *0%*

Alcohol: *13.3%*

pH: *3.12*

TA: *7.43 g/L*

Produced: *926 cases*

Suggested Retail: *\$20.00*