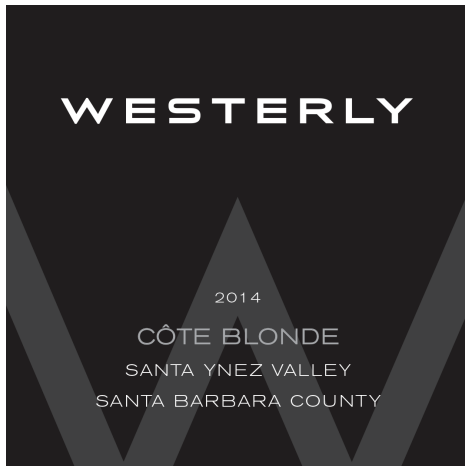


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2014 WESTERLY CÔTE BLONDE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



COMPOSITION

93% Syrah
6% Viognier
1% Roussane

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WINEMAKING NOTES

Simultaneously picked on multiple days in mid-September, both the red & white fruit were destemmed, hand-sorted and then co-fermented together with indigenous yeasts in concrete tanks. The tanks were punched down 3 times a day for two weeks, and then drained and pressed to 500 liter French oak puncheons, 70% of which were new. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine was raked to blend after 8 months, and remained in barrel for a total of 18 months. Bottled unfinned & unfiltered in June of 2016.

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 Côte Blonde is a compelling, very expressive wine that is just beginning to reveal what it will ultimately deliver. The Viognier adds a subtle white flower component to the exotic aromatics, while the palate is soft, juicy, and pure Syrah in nature. Dark fruits shine through, with a touch of liquorice and spice rounding out the bright and balanced mouthfeel. Forward and precocious now, the wine will continue to unfold and develop over the next 10 years.