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## 2004, LE BEC BLANC SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

### VINEYARDS AND HARVEST

2004 is our inaugural release of our new Rhone white blend "Le Bec Blanc." Le Bec Blanc is a southern Rhone style blend of Roussanne, Marsanne, and Grenache blanc, all grown on the steep limestone hillsides of our Purisima Mountain Vineyard. The blending of these three varietals creates a unique, vivid wine that expresses the true nature and beauty of our Purisima Mountain Vineyard. The 2004 harvest came earlier than normal, due to the early heat in the beginning of September. The fruit was picked perfectly ripe, with intense flavor.

### WINEMAKING

- 53 %Roussanne, 37%Marsanne, 10% Grenache Blanc
- Grapes were whole-cluster pressed and cold settled for 48 hours
- Juice was racked off lees for a long, cold barrel fermentation
- Wine spent 6 months on lees in neutral barrels
- Malolactic fermentation completed 35%
- The wine was bottled filtered but not fined at the end of April 2005

### FACTS

<b>name:</b>	2004, Le Bec Blanc
<b>item number:</b>	LB04PM
<b>harvest date:</b>	September 9 – 16
<b>composition:</b>	53 % Roussanne 37 % Marsanne 10 % Grenache Blanc
<b>alcohol:</b>	14.2 % by volume
<b>production:</b>	750 cases
<b>release date:</b>	November 2005
<b>price:</b>	See pricelist