## BEST VALUE

# VINUM CELLARS 2011 WHITE ELEPHANT

This medium straw colored vibrant white blend is celebrating its forteenth vintage in 2011. The idea was to make a Loire inspired Chenin Blanc based wine in the new world. California is known for optimal growing conditions yielding wines generous in fruit and ripeness, but terrior, has been less of an obvious factor when compared to many European examples. White Elephant is a magical blend of barrel fermented Chenin Blanc, Roussanne and Viognier.

Light straw color with beautiful tropical aromas of mango, guava and passion fruit. These carry forward into the palate and with it comes superior acidity from the core base of Chenin Blanc, which shows exquisite citrus such as lemon / lime, meyer lemon and key lime. The finish is long and generous with peach, apricot, pear grit and honey comb with excellent minerality. The wine finishes with custard-like cream flavors and honey comb.



#### **VARIETAL COMPOSITION:**

68% Chenin Blanc, Wilson Vineyards, Clarksburg 17% Roussanne, Santa Barbara 15% Viognier, (Sonoma County)

**APPELLATION: California** 

#### **BARRELS:**

33% 2 year old French Oak 33% 3 year old French Oak 33% 4 year old French Oak

**PRODUCTION: 611 cases** 

Vinum Cellars is a small California Winery well known for producing wines of the highest quality. The grapes are selected from premium coastal and cool climate growing areas within California. The wines are made by hand in small batches to allow the varietal character of each wine to express itself.

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