

# 2008 MOSCATO

CALIFORNIA



## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*The 2008 Moscato brings a purity of stone fruit, peach blossoms and pear to the aroma that is overwhelming. On the palate there is a smooth texture, juicy acidity with flavors of peach and pear. It finishes with a hint of floral that goes on and on.*

## WINEMAKING

*The 2008 vintage in Northern California began with a second dry winter in a row after two relatively wet years in 2005 and 2006. Rainfall totals were off by about 50% in 2008, and by February the rain had essentially stopped for the year. Dry and mild weather in February and March pushed the grapevines to an earlier than usual bud-break. By early April most grapevines had green shoots from 6 to 10 inches in length. The week of April 13th will be one that few growers will soon forget in California: a frozen freight train hit the state with the worst frost event in over three decades. For three nights in a row, temperatures plummeted down to the low twenties and were compounded by low dew points at our Dollarhide Vineyard. Frost control was rendered completely useless in the lower areas of the ranch. Hillsides that are usually immune from frost were decimated by wide, frozen rivers of cold, dry air. All told, we sustained about 30% frost damage at Dollarhide. Rutherford was also hit by frost, but the low temperatures were not as extreme, and the frost protection measures proved to be effective.*



**APPELLATION:** CALIFORNIA

**BLEND:** 100% MUSCAT CANELLI

**PH:** 3.22

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.9 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 7.22%

**WINE ALCOHOL:** 9.6%