

The Storm Cellar

VINEYARD + WINERY
Hotchkiss, Colorado

THE GM

Grand Valley, Colorado
2020

TECH

pH – 3.45
TA – 6.0
Alcohol – 12%
RS – < 1 g/L
Production – 100 cases

WINEMAKING

We received one ton of Grüner Veltliner and one ton of Malvasia Bianca on the exact same day, from two different vineyard sites in Palisade. The hand-harvested grapes arrived on September 3rd, 2020, and we whole-cluster pressed them together in a pneumatic bladder press. We fermented the juice in a temperature-controlled, stainless steel tank at 60°F for two months.

THE GRAPES

This was an experiment in timing. We were excited to be working with both of these grapes in 2020, and as harvest dates got closer, we realized that the opportunity for a co-fermentation might present itself. This was a particularly unique moment, since there is only one vineyard in Colorado currently growing Grüner and only one vineyard growing Malvasia, so having them perfectly ripe on the exact same day seemed fortuitous.

TASTING NOTES

This wine was part of our summer release in 2021 and was intended to be a fresh, lively, complex addition to the season. The perfect 50-50 blend of grapes allows each one to fully shine, while still creating a symbiotic blend. The Grüner provides a savory, herbaceous character, while the Malvasia brings richness and tropical tones.

RECOGNITION

Our 2020 white blend, The GM, received a silver medal in the 2021 Colorado Governor's Cup Wine Competition.

