**2019 Dowsett Family Gewürztraminer**

**Celilo Vineyard**

**Columbia Gorge**

**WINERY**

Dowsett Family Winery is a true family undertaking. We create only the wines we love, with grapes, supplies and support from family and good friends. The winery was founded in 2007, and produces less than 500 cases each year.

**VINEYARD**

The acclaimed Celilo Vineyard has the perfect soil and climate for ripening our full-bodied, dry Gewürztraminer. Our block was planted in 1982 and was dryland farmed by Rick Ensminger and his crew. 2019 was an amazingly beautiful vintage. Chris Dowsett has worked with this fruit every year since 2002. We are in awe of the ability of old vines to respond to differing harvest seasons, and create stunning fruit. This Columbia Gorge vineyard is truly a new world *Grand Cru* for Northwest dry Gewürztraminer.

**WINEMAKING**

The fruit was hand picked into small bins on September 28. A slow, gentle press cycle was used to maximize light press juice, and provide some skin contact. The juice was fermented cool in very neutral French oak barrels. Two different yeast strains were used to promote complexity. The fermentation was stopped at 0.2% residual sugar to produce a dry style. The wine was not inoculated for malolactic fermentation in order to preserve the lively acid balance.

**THE WINE**

The aromas of fresh fruit, honeysuckle and roses can carry for hours. The *sur lees* ageing in the older barrels, gives a full bodied mouthfeel with firm acidity. The tiny harvest of 2019 provided a powerful intensity for this vintage. This wine is a beautiful match to many hard to pair cuisines. The finished wine is 3.43 pH, with 6.1 g/100ml T.A. and 14.1% alcohol by volume. We produced only 57 cases of this wine**.** From the Dowsett family, to your family…