

TWO ARROWHEADS

One to break the curse
Another to slay the doe
Love lost to revenge
But how was the hunter to know?

Paso Robles 2014 Viognier and Roussanne

History

TWO ARROWHEADS takes us back to the forest and the hunt for the mythical White Doe. Many believe the survivors of the mysterious Lost Colony of Roanoke found shelter with the nearby Croatoan tribe, led by Manteo. Among them may have been Virginia Dare, the first child of English descent born in the new world. According to legend, as the girl grew into a beautiful woman, she fell in love with a young warrior named Okisko. But a jealous suitor put a spell on her and the fair maiden was transformed into a snow-white deer. Many men chased the white doe, seeking to capture her elusive spirit and prove their worth as warriors.

Okisko, her true love, carried an enchanted arrow that would restore the doe to human form. Another hunter, Wanchese, shot to kill. As fate would have it, both men shot true and the two arrowheads found their target at the exact same time. The white doe turned back into a beautiful woman, but it was too late; the warrior's arrow had pierced her heart. In the spot where the doe fell, a scuppernong grapevine grew—the first wine grapes cultivated in North America, now known as the Mother Vine. As the doe's blood soaked the soil, the white grapes on the vine turned red. With her last breath, the maiden revealed her true name, the name she had been born with: Virginia Dare.

Vintage

The 2014 vintage offered an outstanding season of extremely high quality fruit. The crop size remained light and warm summer temperatures free of heat spikes brought the fruit to full maturity ahead of schedule in August. The fruit from this vintage displays excellent concentration and optimal balance, which is a winemaker's dream.

Winemaker Notes

Paso Robles has proven itself to be an ideal appellation for Rhone varietals. Here, calcareous limestone soils and the contrast of warm days and cool evenings create conditions much like those in France's Cotes du Rhône region. Two Arrowheads is a blend of two varietals: Viognier, a highly fragrant fruit, and Roussanne, a textural grape with intriguing flavor dimension and sweet baking spice notes. To enhance the complementary qualities of the blend, a split-fermentation technique is used; this vintage we fermented just 10% of the juice in oak barrels with the balance finished in stainless steel to preserve the wine's perfume.

Tasting Notes

Scents of apricot, passion fruit, and honeysuckle dominate the nose while the wine's lush, vibrant palate offers juicy flavors of spiced mulled pears. As the wine opens up, notes of pineapple brulée are offset by a refreshing hint of citrus and minerals, making this an alluring and complex rendition that is both textured and well balanced.

Winemaking Analysis

APPELLATION: Paso Robles, California	ALCOHOL: 13.5%	BARREL REGIMEN: Stainless Steel
BLEND: 71% Viognier, 25% Roussanne, 4% Chenin Blanc	PH: 3.52	WINEMAKER: Sandy Walheim
	TA: 0.55 g/100ml	

