

Gewürztraminer

Highly perfumed and spicy, with a distinct tropical fruit character, semi-sweet with low acidity, well suited for light fare and, oddly enough, for many well-seasoned Asian dishes.

Gewürztraminer is a pink-skinned, coolgrowing, white wine-producing grape that originated in Alsace, France, where it continues to be produced in what many experts consider to be its finest iteration, meaning unparalleled for dryness, spiciness, and perfume-like fragrance. Its genealogy is both convoluted and multigenerational, and it ends as one of the parents of traminette, a variety that fortunately possesses greater winter hardiness. In northern Ohio, its wines are lightly acidic and at least moderately spicy and endowed with a suite of chemicals (monoterpenes) shared with lychee fruit. Our version, like most of the others produced in North America, features perceptible residual sugar to balance its powerful overtones.