

# ZOCKER

## GRÜNER VELTLINER

2013 | Paragon Vineyard, Edna Valley



**95** POINTS- ROBERT WHITLEY, WINE REVIEW ONLINE

“I’ve long admired winemaker Christian Roguenant’s work with the Austrian grape gruner veltliner, which is not widely planted in the U.S. despite its growing popularity. The Zocker Grüner is planted in cold clay loam soils in the cool Edna Valley, where the nearby Pacific Ocean moderates temperatures even in the middle of summer. The result is a Grüner Veltliner with steely minerality and structure, wrapped in luscious stone fruit, lime and melon aromas. **It is the top Grüner made in America in my humble opinion and this vintage may well be the finest yet.**” - Feb 17, 2015

**93** POINTS- MICHAEL FRANZ, WINE REVIEW ONLINE

“**Every release of this wine has been quite convincing, and this one is particularly compelling.** Unusually aromatic for a Grüner, this shows nice herbal accents on a base of tart apricot fruit, with backnotes of spices and pepper that lend real interest. Light and refreshing, this axlso packs real flavor impact, and so will work with almost anything from shellfish to a roast chicken. **Impressive, as usual. Platinum award winner at the Critics Challenge International Wine Competition.**” - June 24, 2014

**89** POINTS- ROBERT PARKER’S WINE ADVOCATE

“The 2013 Gruner Veltliner has pretty green apple, mint and citrus rind to go with a medium-bodied, focused and balanced feel on the palate. **It will be a superb meal-starter and should shine over the coming year or so.**”

**87** POINTS- WINE SPECTATOR

“Crisp and clean, with lemon, lime and grapefruit flavors, accented by hints of lemon verbena on the lip-smacking finish. **Drink now.**”