

Vintage 23 By Diemme



From California's Central Coast and Napa Valley through the Willamette Valley in Oregon and Washington's Walla Walla region Diemme's new Vintage basket press was used to produce a broad spectrum of premium red varietals during the 2006 vintage.

Winemaker Matthias Gubler of Viña Robles in Paso Robles reported that their "experience with the Diemme basket press was very positive" and "while the quality of the press juice would vary depending on the overall grape quality... the results were very good, very clean and clear juice came out from the beginning of the press cycle". Viña Robles used their Diemme Vintage press for both Bordeaux varieties (Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petite Verdot) as well as Rhone varieties such as Syrah and Petite Sirah.

Cakebread Cellars became Napa Valley's first winery to use the 2,300 liter Vintage 23. During its first season of use Cakebread processed about 50 percent of their reds with the basket press; completing their pressing in early December. Cakebread plans a comprehensive evaluation of their wines over time.

For the 2006 harvest, Joe Dobbles, Wine by Joe owner and winemaker added a Diemme Vintage 23 to his press pad. Wine by Joe is a full service, state of the art, custom winemaking facility located in Dundee, Oregon. With twenty two clients whose primary aim is to produce super premium Oregon wines Wine by Joe focuses on quality and efficiency by incorporating the finest equipment, gravity flow for gentle product handling and exemplary cellar practices.

Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Pinot Noir were pressed in the basket press. Joe felt he got more from the grapes using the new Vintage, characterizing the resulting wines as "more interesting", having "more depth, richness and structure". Joe also reported the wines showed "definitely better clarity" than those from his existing membrane presses.

Long Shadows Vintners, near Walla Walla, Washington, is a completely new facility which purchased a Diemme Vintage 23 for their red wine program. Winemaker Gilles Nicault, stated that he "was astonished by the quality of press wine" from his new basket press.

Long Shadows, created to showcase the viticultural excellence of the Columbia Valley, brings together

some of the worlds foremost winemakers to oversee the production of the varietals for which they have become known for. These celebrated vintners include Randy Dunn and Phillippe Melka of California, John Duval of Australia, Michel Roland from France's Bordeaux region of Pomerol, Giovanni Folonari of Tuscany and Armin Diel of Germany.

In addition to the Vintage 23, ColloPack Solutions provided an 80 hl Diemme 80 M.S.C tank press, Diemme Kappa 15 destemmer/crusher, Diemme grape sorting and conveying equipment and the flexible Francesca rotary piston pump (used for both must and liquid transfer). Completing the processing package were Tersainox fermenting and storage tanks custom manufactured to the customer's specifications. ColloPack equipment at Long Shadows not only performed well but "added positive visual aspects" appropriate to a cellar of such high standards.

Long Shadows' choices were based not only on providing their winemaking team with the best available equipment in terms of quality and technology but also on ease of use, reliability and availability of after sales support; all key factors in selecting a supplier for a facility in a rather remote location.

Long Shadows' season was long and challenging but also rewarding due to the quality it produced. ColloPack Solutions is proud to have been chosen as their major processing equipment supplier for this ambitious project.



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