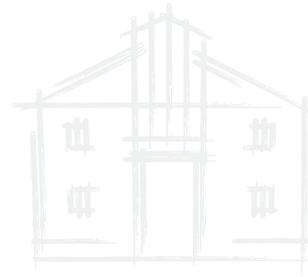


MURRIETA'S WELL

ESTATE VINEYARD



The Whip

WHITE WINE BLEND

LIVERMORE VALLEY

VINEYARD

Our wines are exclusively sourced from our estate vineyard in the Livermore Valley. The Sauvignon Blanc – descendants of the original cuttings planted by Louis Mel in the late 1800s – was grown in our Louis Mel vineyard (575-715 feet above sea level) located across the arroyo that runs directly in front of our historic tasting room property. The rest of the varieties in this wine were grown in our Hayes vineyard which has the widest elevation range (560-860 feet) on our entire estate. Of the 20 grape varieties we grow on our estate; 11 of them are grown on our Hayes vineyard because it features such an array of soils, aspects and slopes. We farm our vineyards block by block according to these attributes to ensure optimal flavor and fruit expression are achieved.

Sauvignon Blanc: Louis Mel | Semillon: Hayes | Chardonnay: Hayes | Orange Muscat: Hayes | Viognier: Hayes

WINEMAKING

FERMENTATION | A portion of the Chardonnay and the Sauvignon Blanc were fermented in small oak barrels to add a roundness to the blend. The remaining Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, as well as the Semillon, Viognier, and Orange Muscat were fermented cold in stainless steel tanks as individual components. This maintains the wine's natural acidity and vibrant freshness.

AGING | As we assemble the blend, we begin to incorporate more barrel aging into our program. As we age the wines for a total of 14 months, we use both methods of barrel and tank aging to both build texture and mouthfeel as well as maintain freshness and acidity.

HARVEST

Harvest of The Whip varieties began with our Sauvignon Blanc in August and ended with Viognier in early September. The 2016 vintage represents the fifth drought vintage in a row for California. The drought contributed to the pattern of earlier than average ripening and harvest. This is a good thing viticulturally because it results in very expressive, concentrated wines.

ROBBIE'S TASTING NOTES

When we create The Whip each vintage, we look to deliver a wine with aromatic appeal that provides a textured and delicious palate, and has the presence and crisp finish to be an excellent food wine. We are fortunate to grow several aromatic white varietals on our estate, such as Viognier and Orange Muscat, that provide beautiful fruit and floral expressions. We use those varietals and others to accentuate the rich and full palate provided by our estate Chardonnay and Semillon enhanced by the wonderful natural acidity of our Sauvignon Blanc. This helps us deliver a complete wine that tells the story of our estate each and every vintage. Enjoy now through 2021.

2016

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

33% Sauvignon Blanc, 24% Semillon,
21% Chardonnay, 12% Orange Muscat,
10% Viognier

ALCOHOL | 13.5%

PH | 3.31

TA | 0.58

BARRELS PRODUCED | 297

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