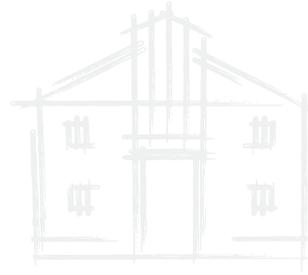


MURRIETA'S WELL

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 | Muscat Canelli: 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, Orange Muscat and Muscat Canelli 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 15 months, we use both methods of barrel and tank aging to both build texture and mouthfeel as well as maintain freshness and acidity.

HARVEST

All of these varieties were picked in October 2017. The high rainfall in early 2017 flushed the soils allowing the vines to uptake more nutrients. The fruit set was average and the season was starting to look like it might be an early one. The aromatic whites came in early, but then a heat spike hit and slowed down the grape's development. After a few days, the grapes began to ripen again and the vintage finished on-time, yielding expressive 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, Orange Muscat and Muscat Canelli, that provide beautiful fruit and floral expressions, such as Magnolia blossom, lychee and dried lime peel. 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 2022.

2017

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

35% Sauvignon Blanc, 31% Semillon,
15% Orange Muscat, 11% Chardonnay,
6% Viognier, 2% Muscat Canelli

ALCOHOL | 13.5%

PH | 3.45

TA | 0.59

BARRELS PRODUCED | 270

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