

2017

SAUVIGNON BLANC

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY - KNIGHTS VALLEY

PARADISE RIDGE VYD (70%) BAVARIAN LION VYD(30%)

TASTING NOTES

This Sauvignon Blanc comprised of fruit from two illustrious Russian River Valley growers sings with fresh citrus zest and melon notes, backed up by a ripe mouthfeel of melon and tropical fruits. Finishing clean, the mineral rich acidity leaves the palate bright and refreshed.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Sauvignon Blanc was sourced from two distinct vineyard locations in 2017: Bavarian Lion Vineyard in Knights Valley (30 percent), and Paradise Ridge in the Fountaingrove district of Santa Rosa (70 percent). Both vineyards were harvested just barely before the firestorm hit Sonoma County. Paradise Ridge ultimately burned in the fires and this Sauvignon Blanc is likely the last from that vineyard for a few years. Once safely in the winery, both lots were gently whole cluster pressed and fermented separately utilizing a combination of yeasts and cooperage types to increase complexity and mouthfeel. Racked off lees for pure flavor and mouthfeel, malolactic fermentation was inhibited and the new wine was aged for six months before bottling.

Sauvignon Blanc winemaking is all about understanding the influence of the winemaker's hand on the fruit. Knights Valley brought ripe melons and straw, while Paradise Ridge gave a citrus zest with ripe grapefruit and clean finish. The winemaking goal is not to interrupt the expression of vineyard sites, but to best enhance each as they blend, age and are bottled.

THE VINTAGE

2017 was a hugely unusual growing season in northern California. Late rains meant soggy vineyard conditions into the beginning of the growing season which increased mold and mildew pressure. Early temperate conditions gave way to heat spikes in June and July which threatened sunburn for many vineyards. Then October saw devastating wildfires ravage many of our vineyard and winery friends. In spite of the challenges, we move forward to craft incredible wines, utilizing the best time-tested practices coupled with technology and intuition.

INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Sauvignon Blanc

APPELLATIONS

Russian River Valley and Knights Valley

VINEYARD(S)

Paradise Ridge Vineyard (70 percent)

Bavarian Lion Vineyard (30 percent)

BARREL COMPOSITION

20 percent new French oak; 80 percent used French oak

100 percent barrel fermented; 4 unique yeasts

BARREL AGING

7 months

ALCOHOL

13.9%

WINEMAKER

Garrett Martin

CASES

500


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WINERY
SMALL LOT *Handcrafted* WINES

