2019 TAYLOR'S VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC – MUSQUÉ CLONE – DRY CREEK VALLEY

HISTORY

Sauvignon Musqué is a unique clonal selection of the Sauvignon Blanc variety. Often mistaken for "Muscat" or a sweet wine, Sauvignon Musqué is a delicious interpretation of the classic varietal. We grow and produce this wonderful wine from a single vineyard (named after Taylor, Kim and Don Wallace's daughter) which lies on the western bench of the Dry Creek Valley. Juicy and full-bodied, this wine has no oak aging and is fermented in stainless steel tanks to highlight the fresh fruit characters.

GROWING SEASON

Overall, 2019 was a mild growing season with a later start to the summer. This seasonal shift lead to a longer hang time, which allowed for even ripening and full berry development while retaining natural acidity. Harvest started about one week later than average compared to the last few vintages, and the mild growing conditions lead to a very long season—fruit was harvested for nearly 70 days! This extended season allowed us to pick each vineyard block at an ideal level of ripeness to produce balanced, flavorful wines with complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This vintage of Taylor's Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc - Musqué Clone displays intense aromas of passionfruit, candied lemon and jasmine with a hint of freshly-cut flowers. The palate showcases tropical flavors of pineapple, white peach, and honeydew melon, with subtle notes of minerality. This esoteric varietal highlights the perfect balance of citrus and stone fruit. Full of complexity and depth, the Musqué clone exhibits the luxurious mouthfeel and texture of a balanced and elegant white wine, while stainless steel fermentation preserves the excellent structure and vibrant acidity.

RELEASE DATE	September 2020
BLEND	100% Sauvignon Blanc Musqué Clone
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 18, 2019
ALCOHOL	13.8%
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel fermented at an average of 55°F for 22 days
RESIDUAL SUGAR	Dry
PH	3.34
TA	6.9g/L
SOILS	Valley floor, alluvial soil
VINE AGE	19 years
YIELDS	6–7 tons per acre

Dry Creek VINEYARD

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