

## 2016 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 for being sweet, Sauvignon Musqué is a delicious interpretation of this classic varietal. We grow and produce this wonderful wine from a single vineyard (named Taylor's, after the granddaughter of Founder David Stare) which lies on the western bench of the Dry Creek Valley. Juicy and full-bodied, this wine receives no oak aging and is fermented in stainless steel tanks to highlight the fresh fruit characters of this delightful Sauvignon Blanc.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2016 harvest began with a relatively even growing season after welcome winter rains helped to alleviate the drought conditions. The entire ripening season enjoyed cooler than average daytime highs and cold nights – perfect for developing complex aromas and flavors. Harvest arrived earlier than usual, with a slightly smaller yield of exceptional quality fruit. September brought morning cloud cover and beautiful days with temperatures cruising along in the mid-80s, which led to delicious ripe flavors with lower sugars and higher acidity.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This vintage of Taylor's Vineyard Sauvignon Musqué displays intense aromas of orange zest, white peach and kiwi with a hint of white pepper. The palate showcases tropical flavors of mango, pineapple and mandarin orange, with a nuance of honeysuckle. This esoteric varietal highlights the perfect balance of citrus and stone fruit. Full of complexity and depth, the musqué clone exhibits a luxurious mouthfeel and texture. Stainless steel fermentation preserves the excellent structure and vibrant acidity in the wine.

RELEASE DATE	November 2017
BLEND	100% Sauvignon Blanc Musqué Clone
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 10, 2016
ALCOHOL	14.2%
RESIDUAL SUGAR	Dry
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel fermented at an average of 55°F for approximately 15 days.
PH	3.53
TA	5.7g/L
SOILS	Valley floor, alluvial soil
VINE AGE	16 years on average
YIELDS	6-7 tons per acre

