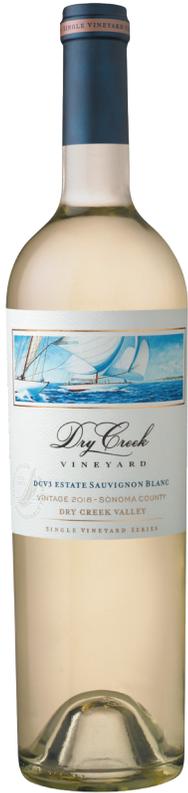


2018 DCV3 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC - DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

For nearly 50 years, Dry Creek Vineyard has been a leader in Sauvignon Blanc in California. Winery founder David Stare was the first person to plant the Sauvignon Blanc varietal in the Dry Creek Valley in our DCV3 Vineyard, against the advice of many viticultural experts. In typical fashion, Dave forged ahead in pursuit of this dream. Many years later, Sauvignon Blanc is now the most widely planted white variety in the Dry Creek Valley, and his daughter Kim and her husband Don have elevated the winery's Sauvignon Blanc program to new heights.

GROWING SEASON

Following a long growing season characterized by cooler than normal temperatures throughout the spring and summer, the 2018 harvest started 5-8 days later than the past several years. The milder temperatures afforded the luxury of a longer hang time for the grapes, allowing them to fully mature while retaining a high level of acidity. Overall, the harvest was plentiful with some vineyards producing higher than average quantities. The season ended with the ideal combination of warm days and cooler nights which enabled the high quality of grapes to thrive while developing complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Just across the historic Lambert Bridge lies our DCV3 Vineyard. With 16 acres under vine, this unique vineyard is the backbone of our Sauvignon Blanc program. The 2018 vintage displays intense aromas of lemon, grapefruit, key lime and lemongrass. After a few minutes, softer nuances of jasmine, jalapeño and freshly cut grass come forward. The palate is bursting with vibrant flavors of lemon, lime and honeydew melon with hints of cucumber and dried herbs. The bright acidity of this crisp and refreshing wine is preserved by stainless steel fermentation.

RELEASE DATE	May 2019
BLEND	100% Sauvignon Blanc
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 14 - 15, 2018
ALCOHOL	13.2%
FERMENTATION	100% stainless steel fermented at average of 52°F for about 24 days
BRIX	Average 21.8
PH	3.33
TA	7.0g/L
SOILS	Sandy Yolo gravelly loam
VINE AGE	7 years
YIELDS	Approximately 4 tons per acre

