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2016 Las Brisas Vineyard Pinot Blanc



Vineyard

Each year we purchase a scant 1 acre block of Pinot Blanc from the Las Brisas Vineyard located in the Sonoma portion of Carneros (Carneros straddles both Napa and Sonoma). Much like our Estate vineyard, the Las Brisas vineyard is situated adjacent to the San Pablo Bay which directs the cooling fog and bay breezes into the vineyard. This cool site allows for slow even ripening and brings beautiful acidity and vibrant aromatics to the Pinot Blanc.

Growing Season

2016 delivered an early and exceptional harvest. Rainy, cool weather during bloom naturally reduced our crop level, leaving concentrated clusters. A cool, foggy summer allowed for slow ripening, high acidity, and superb flavor development. With no heat spikes or rush to pick, it was a smooth harvest that delivered top quality fruit.

Vinification

The Las Brisas Vineyard Pinot Blanc is harvested at night time when the air is cool to preserve aromatics. The fruit is whole cluster pressed and fermented in neutral oak barrels. The barrels are stirred monthly to incorporate the lees and add depth and complexity.

Tasting Notes

This wine is like running through the sprinklers on a hot day—totally refreshing! It displays a lovely nose of honeydew melon, cantaloupe, and white flowers. Lip-smacking flavors greet your first sip followed by bright mandarin, lime zest, and lemongrass notes to cool you right down. This wine begs to be paired with Asian foods.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Las Brisas Vineyard

Aging

8 months

Harvest Date

September 10, 2016

Bottling Date

April 27, 2017

Maturation

Aged in neutral oak

PH

3.4

TA

6.0 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

13.4%

Production

300 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$38