



Groth
VINEYARDS & WINERY
Rooted in Oakville

2016 SAUVIGNON BLANC NAPA VALLEY

Vintage: The 2016 harvest was on the early side of average, with bud break happening about a week later than 2015. The growing conditions were excellent this year thanks in part to some later spring rains that recharged the groundwater right as the vines were coming out of dormancy. Overall, the summer was on the hotter side with a couple good heat spikes, allowing for full flavor maturity at an earlier pick date. Noteworthy characteristics of this vintage include ripe flavors and on-target acidity at lower than normal Brix (sugar levels).

Harvest: Our Sauvignon Blanc was produced from grapes grown in various microclimates of the Napa Valley. The warmer Napa Valley microclimates gave us grapes that result in wines with a lush, full melon/citrus character in the aroma and in the flavor. The cooler areas of Napa Valley provide fruit with a solid, crisp backbone that gives the wine an exciting liveliness that balances the rich creaminess from "sur lie" aging. The Semillon is grown on the Groth Oakville Estate vineyard and is harvested with the Estate Sauvignon Blanc.

Winemaking: All of the Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon were whole-cluster pressed which gives us juice of incredibly high fruitiness and softness. To fully integrate the flavors as early as possible, the Estate Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon were both co-pressed and co-fermented. After pressing and settling, the juice was moved to neutral oak barrels, put through a long, cool fermentation, and allowed to age "sur lie" for a total of five months in barrel. Malolactic fermentation was avoided to preserve the bright fruit and lively natural acidity that make this wine so refreshing and enjoyable.

Menu suggestion: “The higher percentage of Semillon brings a big juicy mouthfeel and reinforces some of the tropical fruit flavors from the Sauvignon Blanc. This combination of juicy and tropical makes me crave the sweet and savory tastes of good teriyaki.” Cameron Parry, Director of Wine Growing

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Key Points

- Napa Valley
- Sauvignon Blanc 79%, Semillon 21%
- Pick Dates August 25 – September 10, 2016
- 100% barrel fermented, aged sur lie five months