



FLORA SPRINGS



2016 WINEMAKER NOTES

Our Soliloquy Vineyard in Napa Valley's Oakville appellation is the source of the majority of this 2016 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc, while the balance is from another one of our vineyards just up the road. Our family has farmed these vineyards for over two decades. During the growing season, warm days and cool evenings provide an ideal climate for Sauvignon Blanc, allowing the variety's natural fruit flavors and acidity to develop in tandem. To impart complexity in both flavor and texture, the wine was aged for seven months in a combination of vessels including stainless steel tanks, large wooden oval casks, concrete tanks, small oak barrels and stainless steel drums. The wine in barrel rested on its lees and was stirred every two weeks, re-suspending the lees and lending a creamy texture to the finished wine.

Our 2016 Sauvignon Blanc offers a bright yet expansive mouthfeel with flavors of grapefruit, pear, nectarine and honeydew melon alongside aromatic notes of lychee and orange blossom. Hints of graham cracker and brown spice join an appealing, luxurious note of creaminess. This is a superbly balanced wine, broadly textured yet crisp with a smooth, spicy finish.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation:	<i>Napa Valley</i>
Varietal:	<i>100% Sauvignon Blanc (60% Soliloquy clone, 40% Musque clone)</i>
Cases Produced:	<i>4,100</i>
Aging:	<i>7 months in a combination of concrete and stainless steel tanks, French oak barrels and stainless steel drums</i>
Suggested Retail Price:	<i>\$26</i>
Enjoyability:	<i>Drink now through 2020 for optimum enjoyment</i>

ON THE VINE

An early bud break followed by warm weather and spring rains brought a rapid start to the 2016 growing season, a near perfect year with beautiful weather from bloom, to berry set, to veraison and harvest. Napa Valley winemakers and vineyard managers worked closely together as the season progressed to ensure grapes ripened uniformly, adjusting vine canopies, thinning fruit and keeping a close eye on soil moisture. The harvest began in mid-August and wrapped up by mid-October, just ahead of the valley's first significant fall rainstorm.