

CHALK HILL

chairman's club 2016 Windy Ridge Sauvignon Blanc

SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1972, Chalk Hill Estate has been recognized as one of California's benchmark producers. Our 1300+-acre property is located at the convergence of a number of diverse climates, soils and terrains in the northeastern hills of Sonoma County. The complexity of the terroir enables us to produce a range of wines from nearly 300 acres of vineyards woven amongst the native oak woodlands, meadows and streams. This Sauvignon Blanc comes from Windy Ridge block N using clone 378.

2016 was a prime vintage producing high quality fruit. The season began with an earlier than average bud break and fruit set followed by moderate temperatures in spring and summer. This allowed for even ripening, balanced flavors and helped to reach our goal of producing a crisp, fresh style. This 2016 Windy Ridge Sauvignon Blanc opens with fragrant aromas of ripe nectarines, mango and white pepper. The mouth is crisp with a bit of grip from the grape skin contact showcasing flavors of jasmine, rainier cherries and freshly cut flowers. The palate is perfectly structured and balanced with lingering stone fruit on the finish.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: SEPTEMBER 5 - 8, 2016 Average Yields: 4.2 TONS/ACRE Average Brix at Harvest: 24.8°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

Cultured yeast fermentation with bi-weekly bâtonnage no malolactic fermentation

> Cooperage: 32% NEW OAK Barrel Aging: 7 MONTHS

> > WINE

Blend: 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC Bottling Date: JUNE 19, 2017 pH: 3.33 TA: 6.5 G/L Alcohol: 14.3%

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