

2016 Kelly Fleming Sauvignon Blanc

Winemaking:

In 2016, we introduced a new vineyard known as Kick Ranch into our Sauvignon Blanc blend. Kick Ranch is located in Sonoma's Rincon Valley, on the western side of Spring Mountain. The site itself is strongly influenced by the cool marine air coming off of the Sonoma Coast, which helps to retain the crisp acidity in the Sauvignon Blanc grapes. From the ranch, about 35% of the fruit we received was Clone 317, and 65% was the Musqué clone. Sauvignon Musqué tends to have a more tropical, exotic nature than classic Sauvignon Blanc and we find the bright, zesty characters coming from the Kick Ranch property are a perfect complement to the richer, more honeyed qualities coming from the Sauvignon Musqué grapes at the Aetna Springs property.

Winemaker's Notes:

The 2016 Sauvignon Blanc is pretty and expressive on the nose, showing notes of candied orange, jasmine flower, mint and marzipan. The palate is soft and billowy on entry and has an incredibly bright, citrusy spine of acid that supports the wine and lingers into the finish. Primary flavors of lemon cream and lime zest are accented by riper notes of white peach, pear, and honey. The sensation of fruit sweetness on the mid-palate is balanced by a saline, mineral quality that adds intrigue and depth to the palate.

Grape Source: Kick Ranch, Aetna Springs Appellation: Sonoma, Napa Winemaker: Rebecca George Blend: 100% Sauvignon Blanc Alcohol: 14.1% Oak Profile: 60% stainless steel drums, 30% new French Oak, 10% neutral oak Aging: 6 months on lees, periodic stirring Cases Produced: 426 Harvested: August 30th – 31st, 2016 Bottled: March 2017

