

TERRA
VALENTINE



2018 Sauvignon Blanc
Kick Ranch Vineyard
Fountain Grove District, Sonoma County

Vineyard

- Property: Kick Ranch
- Appellation: Fountain Grove District, Sonoma County
- Clonal Selection: 60% Musque Clone, 40% Clone 317
- Site: Steep, rocky west facing slopes
- Yield: 3 tons/acre

Growing Season

- February saw abundant rains, followed by lots of filtered light in spring and early summer. Both bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun during the day and cooler marine influences, virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild summer followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for winemakers to allow their fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels. Volume was up 20-30% over average crop quantity.
- Harvest Date: September 14th
- Harvest Brix: 23.5° brix

Winemaking

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Whole cluster pressed while still cold from the field
- Musque clone fermented in stainless at 55° to retain delicate esters and 317 clone barrel fermented in French Oak
- Aged *sur lees* for 8 months in French oak with 15% new
- Coopers: Nadalie Perle Blanche French oak
- Un-fined and sterile filtered

Notes

- Delicate aromas of lychee fruit, kumquat, jasmine and pineapple with hints of lemon zest, vanilla and citrus blossom that leap out of the glass with pure sauvignon blanc varietal character. On the palate, the bright and forward tropical fruit broadens onto the mid palate with soft acidity and candied lemon flavors that lead to a creamy richness that finishes long mingling the bright tropical fruit with some spice and toasted vanilla notes.