

2015 Viluko Vineyards Mayacamas Mts Estate Sauvignon Blanc

Our third release of the Sauvignon Blanc is one of the family's favorites. We picked this vintage early when the measurement of brix barely crested 22 degrees on the refractometer. The steep gravelly site is dry-farmed producing canopies of low-vigor and small yields. The resulting wine pops with bright acidity and flavors across a rainbow of citrus.

VINEYARD

Varietal Composition: 100% Sauvignon Blanc Clonal Selection: 90% UCD1 (from Chateau d'Yquem), 10% Musque Brix: 22.5 Harvest Date: August 29, 2015 Harvest Yield: Less than 2 tons per acre

FINISHED WINE

Titratable Acidity: 7.86g/L pH: 3.08 Alcohol: 13.8% Barrel Program: Neutral French Oak Bottling Date: May 10, 2016 Release Date: Fall 2016 Cases Produced: 155 cases

Notes from Winemaker Timothy Milos:

VINIFICATION

Blocks El and E2 were hand-harvested in a single day. The whole clusters were gently pressed over several cycles culling any tannin to allow for only the purest free run. This juice went to an insulated stainless steel tank on its own wild yeast to partially cold ferment at 54-58 degrees, then finished on its lees in neutral French oak barrels for six months without stirring. Malolactic fermentation was arrested to preserve the fresh, delicate fruit flavors.

IN THE GLASS

A hue of just ripe lemon. Bright acidity. Fresh pure explosions of grapefruit complemented by key lime and lemon verbena with hints of tangerine and lychee. Finishes with a sweep of minerality and lime peel notes.