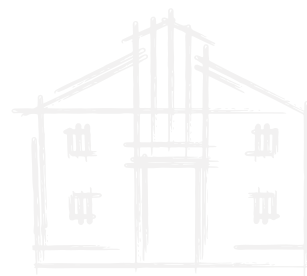


MURRIETA'S WELL

ESTATE VINEYARD



The Whip

WHITE WINE BLEND
LIVERMORE VALLEY

VINEYARD

Our wines are exclusively sourced from our estate vineyard in the Livermore Valley. The Whip 2014 is blended from grape varieties that come from various historic blocks on our estate existing in slightly different soil make-ups, aspects, and conditions. We farm our vineyard and plant varieties according to these attributes to ensure all varieties are planted in the optimal location for them to grow best.

Semillon: Louis Mel | Chardonnay: Louis Mel & Ernest Wente | Sauvignon Blanc: Louis Mel
Orange Muscat: Hayes | Muscat Canelli: Hayes | Viognier: Hayes

WINE MAKING

FERMENTATION | All the varietals in this wine's composition were fermented individually at cool temperatures in stainless steel to maintain the full fruit expression of the vineyard.

AGING | The wine was aged sur lie for 12 months with 30% of the wine aged in used neutral French Oak barrels to enhance the wine's texture and mouthfeel. The other 70% was aged in stainless steel.

HARVEST

We began by harvesting the Sauvignon Blanc the first week of September. The last component of the blend, Orange Muscat, wasn't harvested until the middle of October. The 2014 vintage continues as part of several vintages in a row of drought seasons. Viticulturally, we received acceptable rains and supplemented available ground water with drip irrigation. The combination of less water and warmer weather brought us lower yields from the vineyard and earlier harvest dates (some of the earliest on record!). While the drought continued to be difficult, these conditions actually brought us excellent quality of concentrated fruit due to these factors.

ROBBIE'S TASTING NOTES

The Whip 2014 is an elegant and balanced wine, fruit driven with a hint of toasty oak. While this is a Chardonnay and Semillon led style, each grape varietal has a purpose in our blend that I hand select to add elements like structure, texture, floral notes, and acidity. This unique wine showcases juicy fruit flavors of white peach, pear and melon with bright acidity and a touch of sweetness that creates a smooth and creamy finish.

2014

VARIETAL NOTES

29% Semillon, 27% Chardonnay, 18% Sauvignon Blanc,
12% Orange Muscat, 8% Muscat Canelli, 6% Viognier

ALCOHOL | 13.5%

PH | 3.20

TA | 0.63

BARRELS PRODUCED | 260

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