



2006 FUMÉ BLANC DCV3

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine – “91 POINTS - TWO PUFFS”

February 2009

Just a touch leaner and a little firmer in structure than its cellarmate from Taylor's Vineyard, this vital and vigorous young offering keys on citrus and stones with bare whispers of smoke and subtle background suggestions of herbs. Although it is still just a bit tight, the wine conveys a fine sense of richness, and, given our many encounters with surprisingly good older Sauvignon Blanc ages, we cannot but believe that it will get significantly better with time.

California Grapevine – “HIGHLY RECOMMENDED”

December 2008 – January 2009

Medium-light yellow; attractive, floral, green bean, gooseberry and honeydew melon aroma with a hint of lemon zest; medium-full body; dry, herbal, grassy, slightly tart flavors with a bit of viscosity; well balanced; lingering aftertaste.

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Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences – “EXCEPTIONAL”

July 3, 2008

Light aroma of green herbs like savory and thyme with hints of unripe fruits such as mango and Granny Smith apple. Mid-palate of lime and a hint of tangerine. Classic crisp finish, should age at least a decade.

Quarterly Review of Wines – “SAVORY SAUVIGNON BLANC”

Spring 2008

Long known for great Sauvignon Blanc, this may be the best dry Creek in some time. Crisp, tart, pear and white peach, with lemon and lime notes, and a finish that makes it gratifyingly long.

Wine Spectator - “87 POINTS”

August 2007

Refreshingly lively, showing fragrant pea blossom notes, with lime, jalapeno pepper, kiwi and papaya flavors and a zingy acidity. Drink now.

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Robert Whitley/WineReviewOnline - “94 POINTS”

August 2006

Dry Creek Vineyard is one of California’s true sauvignon blanc specialists. Sauvignon was one of the passions of founder David Stare, and his winery did more than most to make the argument that California could produce serious sauvignon on a par with those from Bordeaux, the Loire Valley and, lately, New Zealand. Over the years, Dry Creek has refined its trademark grassy character, eliminating the more offensive weedy aromas in favor of an herbaceous, herbal back note that doesn’t mask the complex grapefruit, melon and stone fruit aromas that its vineyards yield. The sauvignons are better than ever from Dry Creek Vineyard, and this single-vineyard DCV3 bottling captures that fact in the bottle, where it belongs. It has palate weight yet elegance and an array of aromas that are uncommon in an ordinary sauvignon.

San Francisco Chronicle - “★★ 2 1/2 STARS”

August 24, 2006

Dry Creek Vineyard, the first winery to plant Sauvignon Blanc in the Dry Creek Valley, offers the 33rd vintage of its Fumé Blanc. Bright, focused acidity, grass, herb, lime and mineral fare well in this leaner, medium-bodied wine.

Connoisseurs’ Guide to California Wine - “90 POINTS – ONE PUFF”

September 2006

Quiet, but fairly well-defined melony fruit in the nose gets a helping hand here from a nice dollop of sympathetic oak sweetness, and oak comes to play in this ripe and moderately rich wine’s ample flavors as well. If a bit crisper and firmer in structure than its softer cellarmate from Taylor’s Vineyard, it holds varietal herbaceousness in abeyance and keys instead on deftly oaked fruit from first sniff straight through to a fairly long finish.