

2020 DCV3 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC – DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

For nearly 50 years, Dry Creek Vineyard has been a leader in Sauvignon Blanc in California. Winery founder David Stare was the first person to plant the Sauvignon Blanc varietal in the Dry Creek Valley in our DCV3 Vineyard, against the advice of many viticultural experts. In typical fashion, Dave forged ahead in pursuit of this dream. Many years later, Sauvignon Blanc is now the most widely planted white variety in the Dry Creek Valley, and his daughter Kim and her husband Don have elevated the winery's Sauvignon Blanc program to new heights.

GROWING SEASON

The fall and winter rains of the 2020 growing season were slightly below average, but spring rains helped to increase the total rainfall. Heat waves in mid-August and the first week of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of harvest. Two unexpected factors were the Walbridge Fire in August, in a remote forested area, and the Glass Fire in September, located on the eastern side of Sonoma County. Fortunately white grapes, not being fermented on their skins, are much less susceptible to smoke impact. This, combined with using lighter pressings, have resulted in delicious wines with beautiful aromas and flavors.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Just across the historic Lambert Bridge lies our DCV3 Vineyard. With 16 acres under vine, this unique vineyard is the backbone of our Sauvignon Blanc program. The 2020 vintage displays intense aromas of lemon, grapefruit, snap pea and cucumber. After a few minutes, softer floral nuances of jasmine and geranium come forward. The palate is bursting with vibrant flavors of lemon, lime and grapefruit with hints of passionfruit and lemongrass. The bright acidity of this crisp and refreshing wine is preserved by stainless steel fermentation.

RELEASE DATE	May 2021
BLEND	100% Sauvignon Blanc
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 12, 2020
ALCOHOL	12.5%
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel fermented at an average of 52°F for about 21 days
BRIX	Average 21.7
PH	3.24
TA	7.4g/L
SOILS	Sandy Yolo gravelly loam
VINE AGE	9 years
YIELDS	Approximately 4 tons per acre

