



2016 JOURNEY SAUVIGNON BLANC

OUR ESTATE

For the past four decades, Matanzas Creek Winery has focused on creating site-expressive wines. Throughout the years our methodology has remained the same: utilize a range of vineyard clones and fermentation vessels, and explore new farming and winemaking techniques, to produce thoughtfully crafted, expressive, and balanced wines.

WINEMAKING

To make a Sauvignon Blanc worthy of the name Journey, we employed several techniques and fermentation vessels. Almost half of this blend is sourced from Knights Valley, about a quarter of the grapes come from Bennett Valley and the remaining 25% of the blend is sourced from our Alexander Mountain Estate. After pressing, the sweet juice is transferred to either foudres, neutral puncheons, concrete eggs or 225L barrels. The foudres and puncheons develop a smooth mouthfeel and the concrete egg provides minerality. Three different yeasts were used to maximize the range and concentration of delicate aromatics formed by the yeast during fermentation. The wines are fermented dry and allowed to age “on the lees” for a few months, smoothing texture and developing flavors before blending.

WINE PROFILE

A powerful and complex wine, Journey Sauvignon Blanc offers a symphony of aromas and flavors of white peach, grapefruit, lemon blossom, and honey suckle. Smooth and polished, the finish is long and elegant with intriguing notes of exotic spice and ginger tea.

VINTAGE NOTES

With a warm year due to heat waves, leaf removal was very minimal in order to protect the Sauvignon Blanc clusters from direct sun exposure. Due to the diversity of the soils, clones and altitudes, each block was harvested, fermented and tasted individually.

TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER

Marcia Torres Forno

COMPOSITION

98% Sauvignon Blanc
2% Sémillon

APPELLATION

47% Knights Valley
25% Bennett Valley
28% Alexander Valley

ÉLEVAGE

50% Foudres, 8% Neutral Puncheons,
16% Concrete Egg, 25% Neutral 225L barrels

ALCOHOL

14.5%

TA

6.3 g/L

PH

3.25

RS

1.0 g/L



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