

PRIEST RANCH

2015 GRENACHE BLANC

APPELLATION & VINEYARDS

The historic Priest Ranch is now part of the Somerston Estate, a significant property totaling 1,615 acres, with 222 acres planted to hillside vineyards. Dramatic elevations of the vineyards define and distinguish the estate, ranging from 800 ft to 2,400 ft above sea level. The wines of Priest Ranch are blends from multiple blocks that showcase the diversity and complexity of the combined property. Our 2015 Grenache Blanc grapes were selected from Blocks 6 and 7, a 4.9 acre vineyard planted at an elevation of 1,250 feet.

WINEMAKING

Priest Ranch Grenache Blanc was fermented in both stainless steel drums and tanks. Native yeasts fermented the wine at a controlled 60 degrees F. The lees was stirred twice a month for 5 months before being bottled.

HARVEST NOTES

Everything about the 2015 vintage was early, from bud break in early March to harvest. The warm summer days and lighter than normal yield accelerated the start of harvest that began on September 9th. The Grenache Blanc was hand harvested over a period of three days.

TASTING NOTES

This is an aromatic white wine with bright aromas of white peach, melons and honeysuckle. The palate is sharp with good acidity, minerality, bright stone fruits and a touch of tannins.

APPELLATION *Napa Valley*

VARIETAL *100% Grenache Blanc*

AGING *Stainless Steel Drums*

RELEASE DATE *August 1, 2016*

PRODUCTION *1,643 cases* ALC *14.8%*

