

PRIEST RANCH

2016 GRENACHE BLANC

APPELLATION & VINEYARDS

The historic Priest Ranch is now part of the Somerston Estate, a significant property totaling 1,615 acres with 215 acres planted to hillside vineyards. The 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 2016 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 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 the wine was bottled.

HARVEST NOTES

Everything about the 2016 vintage was early, from bud break in early March to harvest. The near perfect growing season saw ideal warm weather conditions throughout spring and summer days. Lighter than normal yield accelerated the start of harvest that began in September. 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 and minerality, bright stone fruits and a touch of tannins.

APPELLATION *Napa Valley*

VARIETAL *100% Grenache Blanc*

AGING *Stainless Steel Drums*

RELEASE DATE *June 1, 2017*

PRODUCTION *1,271 cases* ALC *14.6%*

