

Napa Valley
CUVÉE BLANC

TASTING NOTES

Semillon was added to oak- and stainless steel-fermented Sauvignon Blanc, producing a complex and refreshing wine. The wine has a brilliant pale straw color, lively nose of fresh melon, and subtle gooseberry notes. On entry, the wine expands in the palette where zesty citrus stars with hints of melon and apricots. The wine has a long finish with a slight touch of marzipan. Age-worthy, this wine makes a lovely partner to oysters on the half shell. Enjoy now or cellar for up to 3-5 years.

WINEMAKING NOTES

60% of the Sauvignon Blanc was fermented in a neutral barrel. The remaining Sauvignon Blanc was fermented in stainless steel, allowing the crisp, fresh fruit component to emerge. The two wines were combined, spending a total of 15 months in oak (35% new French oak; 65% once used) with constant lees contact. The lees were stirred every 2-3 weeks for about 10 months. This process keeps the wine fresh as well as creating additional depth and complexity, especially on the finish. Semillon was added to provide a richness, along with honey and toasty notes. This blending took place right before bottling.

BOTTLING Date: April 26, 2017 Alcohol: 14.7% pH: 3.23 Total Acidity: 7.3g/L

Released: October 1, 2017

Dalla Gasperina Vineyard

This vineyard is located in the heart of Napa Valley in Rutherford. The soils are a mosaic of gravelly loam and sand along with volcanic and marine sediments that provide excellent drainage. The wines display crisp citrus notes of grapefruit and lemon-lime, combined with minerality.

BLEND 98% Sauvignon Blanc (Dalla Gasperina Vineyard) 2% Semillon

> HARVEST Harvest Date: August 18, 2015 Brix: 23.5 pH: 3.37 Total Acidity: 5.2g/L

"Wine is neither black nor white. It's always shades of grey"



"Making wine is living our dream". Growing up with a family vineyard, avidly collecting wines for years, wine tasting in Bordeaux, and

developing a curiosity about winemaking inspired us to create our own wine. Our goal is to produce small-lots of premium Napa Valley wines from the most prestigious vineyards in the valley.

Jean & Larry Rowe
Proprietors

ABOUT THE WINEMAKER KIAN TAVAKOLI

With over 25 years of winemaking, operations and viticultural experience, Kian Tavakoli brings a stellar combination of sensory and production skills to Greyscale Wines. Having graduated with a degree in enology from UC Davis in 1992,



Kian spent 4 years learning cabernet wine-making at Opus One before he became winemaker at Clos Du Val where he ran their red wine program including the highly acclaimed reserve bottlings. Kian's passion for Bordeaux style wines is the perfect complement to our Greyscale family wine philosophy. We are pleased that he has been our only winemaker since we started in 2008.

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