

VINTAGE OF
2016

CRAFTWORK

Sauvignon Blanc

sustainably farmed | estate vineyards
MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Honoring the best of traditional winemaking, the wines from our estate vineyards are handcrafted to showcase the natural expression of the vineyard, variety and vintage. In a world of flashy technology, some might call this hopelessly old-fashioned. We call it Craftwork.

Tasting Notes

Striking aromatics of grapefruit and guava with hints of fresh herbs lead into ripe apple and melon flavors. Bright and crisp with balanced acidity, the wine wraps up with a refreshing tropical fruit finish. Delicious as an apéritif, our Sauvignon Blanc is extremely food-friendly and pairs well with a broad range of foods, including citrusy ceviche, grilled shrimp or scallops, gazpacho, and Asian stir fry.

Winemaking

The grapes were whole cluster pressed, chilled and racked clean to a refrigerated stainless steel tank to accentuate the wine's crisp, zesty qualities and retain its distinctive freshness. A select yeast was used to start a long, slow, and cool fermentation to enhance the fruit esters. The finished wine continued to age in stainless steel and was stored cold to retain bright aromatics, crisp acidity and fresh character.

Vintage

The 2016 growing season began with early budbreak initiated by warm spring temperatures. A relatively even growing season followed welcome winter rains that helped to alleviate the drought and refresh the soil. Harvest was early as well, with a mostly average yield of exceptional quality fruit throughout our estate vineyards.

Vineyards

Monterey County, with its combination of warm days followed by cool winds in the late afternoon, has excellent climatic conditions for this classic variety. The brisk conditions bring out the fruitiness of Sauvignon Blanc, with a hint of mineral edginess. At Craftwork, we utilize trellis systems in the vineyard that shelter the grapes, allowing filtered sunshine through the canopy to gently and evenly ripen the clusters.



TECHNICAL

<i>Cooperage</i>	100% Stainless Steel aged
<i>pH</i>	3.43
<i>TA</i>	6.3 g/L
<i>Bottling Date</i>	March 27, 2017



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