



VINEYARD SOURCES: 100% *Vogelzang Vineyard, Happy Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley*. This vineyard is located in the “sweet spot” for Sauvignon Blanc in Santa Ynez Valley. Because of its location in the southeast corner of the valley, the morning fog burns off earlier than the rest of the appellation, providing longer and warmer days. The late afternoon marine breezes ease the extended heat, ensuring good hang time for the fruit. Gravely loam soils provide excellent drainage and contribute to the low vigor of the vines.

VINTAGE: The 2014 vintage made history as the earliest and fastest harvest in Santa Barbara County, commencing on August 25 and concluding just 32 days later. The growing season began with a very mild winter and below average rainfall for the third year in a row. Budbreak occurred in early March followed by warm, even temperatures throughout the spring and summer. Sauvignon Blanc clusters from the Vogelzang Vineyard were the first grapes picked on August 25. Harvested at lower sugar, the wine is lower in alcohol, resulting in a refreshingly smooth body, good acidity and vivid flavors and aromatics.

WINEMAKING: These Sauvignon Blanc grapes were handpicked and gently pressed as whole clusters. The juice was fermented and aged in a combination of 40% stainless steel drums and 60% French oak barrels with 10% new oak. This combination imparted the right touch of complexity and richness to the wine without overshadowing the fresh nature of the fruit. No malo-lactic fermentation took place. The wine was bottled on August 18, 2015.

TASTING NOTES: This Sauvignon Blanc displays fresh, lively aromas of lemon custard and white nectarine, with undercurrents of honeysuckle and spice. The flavors echo the aromatics, with hints of lemon drop and floral notes. The wine’s crisp acidity is beautifully balanced by a remarkable silky richness that frames the wine. A lingering finish is crowned by a touch of lime zest and minerality.

TECHNICAL DATA

T.A.: 6.2 g/l

pH: 3.43

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production: 152 cases