



2015 SAUVIGNON BLANC

MCGINLEY VINEYARD
HAPPY CANYON, CALIFORNIA

Our 2015 sauvignon blanc comes from the vintage where the California drought had a huge impact on yield. It is thought that salt buildup in the soil from so many years of needed irrigation water to make up for rain caused the vines to suffer. While 2016 brought coastal fog as far inland as Ojai, 2015 was marked by warm Baja air masses that kept the fog offshore in Santa Barbara County. Years like this are the most challenging to make balanced and fresh wines, white wines in particular. So we prodded the vines into flowering early and harvested at a moderate ripeness, and were able to craft another beautiful sauvignon blanc that I'm quite proud of!

Per our usual regime for sauvignon blanc, we fermented and aged this wine in neutral French oak barrels with seven months spent on the lees. I like the zippy and twangy potential of this grape, so again in 2015 we harvested our sauvignon blanc early to capture freshness, and as always with this grape we blocked malolactic fermentation.

Depending on the vintage, McGinley provides a varying ratio of Loire-like herbal nerviness and rounder Bordeaux tropical fruit and fig. With time the 2015 will tilt more toward the latter. There's an abundance of brightness with lemon pith, minerals and pretty white flowers showing at this more wound up stage, but with time the deeper, muskier layers of white guava and asian pear will come into prominence.

BLEND 100% Sauvignon Blanc
VINEYARDS McGinley
AVA Happy Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley
ALCOHOL 13%
VINIFICATION 100% Neutral French Oak
BARREL AGING 9 Months
TOTAL PRODUCTION 660 Cases

PRESS REVIEWS

Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2015 Sauvignon Blanc McGinley Vineyard is another racy, vibrant white from this team. Green Apple, lots of citrus and salty notes emerge from this racy, beautifully fresh, elegant wine that, like all of Adam's wines today, has racy acidity as well as impeccable balance."

- JD 90 Points

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