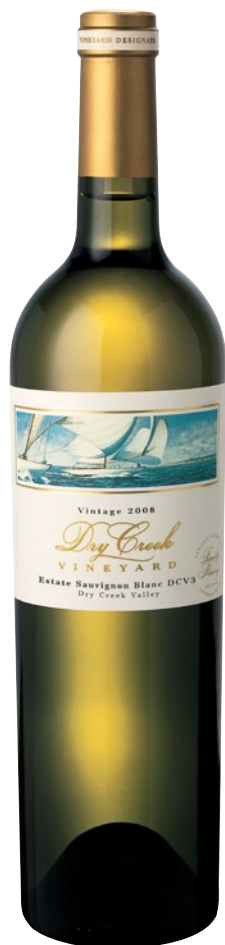


2008 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC DCV3 – DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

Perhaps our most cherished vineyard, DCV3 (Dry Creek Vineyard #3) was the very first vineyard planted to Sauvignon Blanc in the Dry Creek Valley. It was Dave's passion for the wines of the Loire Valley in France that first inspired him to plant such an "unusual" variety. Along the way, he was advised by many not to plant Sauvignon Blanc, however, he forged ahead in pursuit of his dream. Many years later, Sauvignon Blanc is now the number one planted white variety in the Dry Creek Valley and Dave's vision has led to a reawakening of viticulture in this once sleepy corner of Sonoma County.

GROWING SEASON

The 2008 vintage began with heavy rains in November and December. However, by February, Mother Nature had turned off the rain spigot. Several consecutive weeks of frost in March were followed by heavy winds in mid-April, with fires consuming the area in late June. And while, not the most ideal conditions, our winemaking team was able to manage and navigate this very tricky vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Perhaps the most unusual of our Sauvignon Blanc lineup, DCV3 presents a unique spicy aroma that is framed by citrus and grapefruit notes. On the palate, the spiciness of the wine shines through, with elements of jalapeno, lemon, and fresh limes. A few turns of the glass reveals a wine with an excellent core of acidity and zesty nuances that show a true distinctive character and terroir of the Dry Creek Valley. DCV3 is an historic vineyard and may well be one of our region's most important and well-respected properties.

2006 Vintage

90 Points – ONE PUFF
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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
California Grapevine



RELEASE DATE	August, 2010
BLEND	100% Sauvignon Blanc
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	August 25 - 26, 2008
ALCOHOL	13.5%
BRIX	Average 21.8
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel fermented at an average of 52°F for approximately 30 days.
PH	3.33
TA	.67g/100mL
SOILS	Sandy loam
VINE AGE	30+ years in age
YIELDS	Approximately 4 tons per acre