



A HISTORIC VINEYARD...

The Old Block of the Haynes Vineyard, located in a cool pocket of the southeastern Napa Valley, is a part of California winemaking history. Among the vines in the Old Block of Haynes Vineyard Chardonnay, Ken found through examining and tasting the grapes that a handful of these vines showed "musque" characteristics. A selection of these specific vines led to our Musque Chardonnay.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE...

We received much needed rain in the winter of 2015, which put us back on the road to having healthier levels of soil moisture. The 2016 vintage began early, much like the previous vintages, and the optimal growing season caused us to speculate that this would be a very early harvest as well. An unseasonably cool spell visited us mid-summer, slowing down growth. After this brief spell, very warm days followed by cool nights finished off the growing season, giving us a great balance of ripe fruit and mouthwatering acidity. While not as early as projected, our harvest still ended up wrapping up long before the rains of October came.

ABOUT THE WINE...

Our Musque Chardonnay bottling is the culmination of a multi-year selection process at the Haynes Vineyard in Coombsville. Grapes were tasted and selected on a vine-by-vine basis evaluating for the rare "musque" character. The cuttings were then taken and planted to two rows in another section of the vineyard, which yield just a couple barrels each vintage. The vines are all varietal Chardonnay, but possess the unique clonal traits lending the floral "terpene" aromatics reminiscent of varieties like Muscat, Viognier or Gewurtztraminer - though certainly in more subtle fashion. This wine was made much in the same way as our other Chardonnays, fermented entirely in French cooperage. Bottling was done after a total of 9 months in barrel. 68 cases produced.

TASTING NOTES...

An ethereal mélange of fruit-kissed floral notes await you in this bottle! Honeyed orange blossom greets and then opens up to reveal tropical undertones. The wine will continue to develop its heady mixture of fruit and floral, becoming more seductive and intoxicating over the next year. While the lush, opulent texture of this wine point to this is as 100% Chardonnay, its uniquely bright and vibrant aromatics will keep your friends guessing about just what grape could create such a delight for the senses.