



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...

The 2017 vintage began with plenty of rain, giving us plenty of reason to be optimistic about the growing season as we enjoyed a mild spring that allowed the vigorous vines to flower extensively. After a bizarre hail storm in June, summer heat spurts served to fully ripen grapes right before harvest time. Ultimately, we were gifted a smaller vintage than the originally anticipated and we were very happy with the high quality of the grapes. All of our wines were aging safely in barrel well ahead of the fall wild fires visited Napa Valley. Deliciously juicy, our wines excited our palates months before bottling!

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. 88 cases produced.

TASTING NOTES...

An ethereal mélange of fruit-kissed floral notes await you in this bottle! Juicy tropical fruits abound revealing notes of lychee, papaya and pineapple guava. Over the first year of release this wine continues to develop its intoxicating mixture of fruit and floral. 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.