

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2016

FUMÉ BLANC

LAKE COUNTY

Vineyard Notes

This unique Sauvignon Blanc comes from Sandy Bend Vineyard in Lake County. Having achieved California Certified Sustainable Winegrowing status in 2013, Sandy Bend Vineyard (SBV) continues its long-standing dedication to sustainability, quality and practical value-based farming. The vineyard, found in the Upper Lake area of Lake County is an idyllic setting. It's sandy loam, alluvial soils are rich yet well-drained and provide the perfect growing location for Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat Canelli and Sauvignon Musqué. Cooling breezes from the west, which often manifest in Upper Lake in the mid afternoon, assist in facilitating excellent growing conditions.

Production

For white grapes growing in Lake County, we actually picked these a bit on the late side. On September 24th, 2016 we picked our glorious Sauvignon Blanc, Sauvignon Musque and Muscat Canelli, and pressed them together into a big stainless steel tank for a beautiful co-fermentation party. After settling off gross lees, we inoculated with a boutique yeast strain called Alchemy II, which is a South Australian yeast known to produce volatile thiols of boxwood, kiwi and other New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc like characteristics. The day after inoculation, we brought down 14 barrels worth of juice to create a Fumé Blanc. It fermented beautifully in barrel and we aged it until march when we bottled this gorgeous baby.

Wine maker Comments

This wine is so tropical. It asserts sassy aromas and flavors of coconut cream pie, pink grapefruit, kaffir lime, honeydew melon, tangerine, meyer lemon, and vanilla bean.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Appellation

Lake County

Composition

92% Sauvignon Blanc
4% Sauvignon Musque
4% Muscat Canelli

Alcohol

13.75%

pH

3.87

Total Acidity

.62g / 100ml

Barrels

100% French Oak

Cases Produced

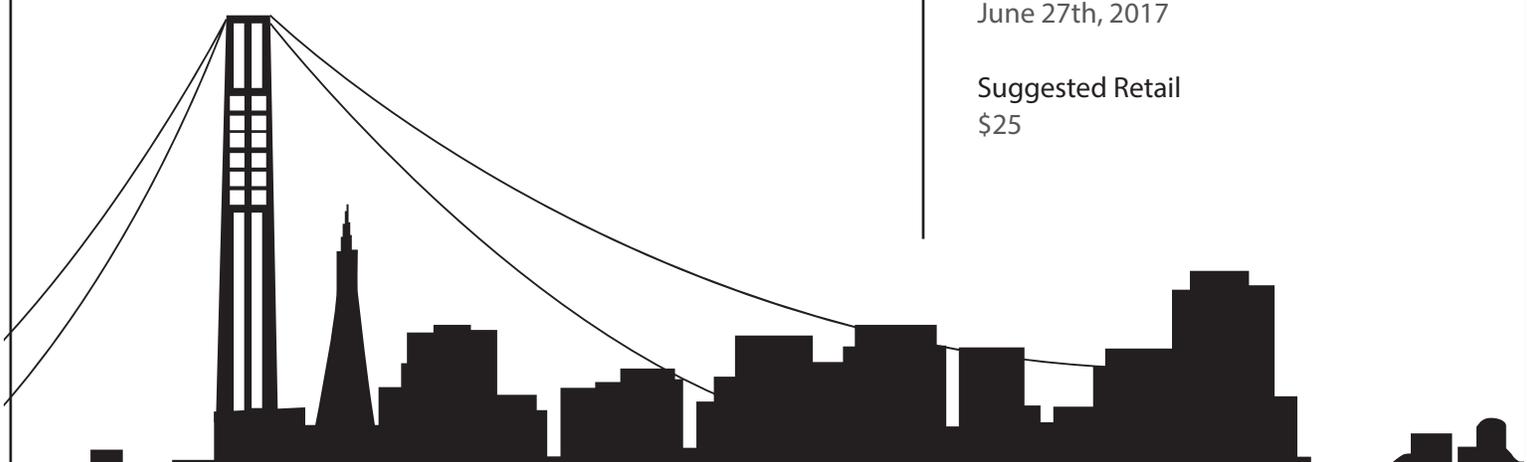
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Release Date

June 27th, 2017

Suggested Retail

\$25



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