

ZIATA

2017 ZIATA SAUVIGNON BLANC

A bright, expressive wine, the 2017 Sauvignon Blanc is fruit-driven and fresh, with delightful undertones of citrus and stone fruit.

Tasting Notes:

Opens with a fragrant nose of sweet orange blossom and lemon curd, framed by a fruit-forward palate of nectarine and tropical undertones. Fresh acidity and a pleasing mouthfeel.

The Vineyard:

We selected the fruit for this vintage from a handful of vineyards that span the length of Napa Valley, north to south, as well as a cool-climate vineyard in Sonoma. Warmer sites in Calistoga are balanced by cooler sites in Carneros, creating greater depth and complexity in the wine. The cooler vines ripen slowly, preserving the natural acidity of the Sauvignon Blanc grape and adding fresh fruit flavor, while the warmer sites lend layers of stone fruit and tropical notes to the final wine. We blended Clones 1, 276 and Sauvignon Musque, allowing each to express its unique characteristics in the glass.

- Cuvaision Vineyard, Carneros
- ZIATA Vineyard, Calistoga
- Fish Vineyard, Calistoga
- Somerston Vineyard, St. Helena
- Kick Ranch, Sonoma

Harvest Notes:

Boosted by one of the warmest summers on record, the 2017 vintage roared into being with our first Sauvignon Blanc pick on August 22. A small crop and persistent heat waves made for ripe and delicious grapes. This vintage is pleasurable and rich, while maintaining the characteristic freshness of ZIATA Sauvignon Blanc.

Winemaker Notes:

Fermented in a combination of new and neutral French oak barrels and stainless steel, this wine was aged sur lie for 6 months. A small percentage of new oak provided a hint of vanilla and spice on the finish, while weekly stirring of the lees created a round, mouth-filling texture.

Wine Specs:

Vintage: 2017
Varietal: Sauvignon Blanc
Appellation: Napa Valley
Fermentation: 66% neutral French oak, 18% new French oak,
16% stainless steel barrels
Alcohol: 14.1%
Release: June 2018
Cases: 900

