

# ZIATA

## 2018 SAUVIGNON BLANC NAPA VALLEY

### **The Vineyards:**

For this wine, we selected fruit from four sites across Napa Valley and one in Sonoma to craft a wine with depth and complexity. The warmer sites in northern Napa Valley provide layers of stone fruit and tropical notes, while the cooler sites in southern Napa and in Sonoma preserve the natural acidity and fresh fruit flavors.

### **KC Ranch, Calistoga AVA**

Karen's organically dry-farmed home ranch, located northwest of downtown Calistoga, is planted on St. George rootstock to 30% Wente clone and 70% Sauvignon Musqué, a flamboyant Bordeaux clone that adds aromatic tropical fruit, citrus and melon qualities. The soils are a mix of Bale loam series—gravelly sandy loam with lower layers of clay—which keeps soil fertility in check and results in quality winegrapes.

### **Fish Ranch, Calistoga AVA**

Located at the base of the Palisades mountains, this vineyard contains alluvial and sedimentary material mixed with clay, resulting in more vine vigor. Sauvignon Blanc clone 376 planted here contributes aromatic intensity, body and tropical fruit to the finished wine.

### **Somerston Ranch, St. Helena AVA**

Located high in the eastern hills, this site's cool nights, late morning fog, and warm, dry days ensure that grapes ripen slowly and evenly to produce intensely concentrated flavors balanced by acidity. The site's deep, well-drained soils formed over weathered volcanic rocks and provide perfect conditions for growing Clone 530, one of the few clones from the home of Sauvignon Blanc, the Loire Valley.

### **Los Carneros District AVA**

Summer fog and cool breezes from the San Pablo Bay keep this Napa Valley's coolest growing region, where we source Sauvignon Musqué fruit from a family-owned vineyard. The soils are dominated by shallow marine clay, which forces the vines to struggle and limits crop size, but concentrates flavors and aromas in the grapes.

### **Kick Ranch, Sonoma AVA**

We also source Sauvignon Musqué from a hillside site at the western foot of Spring Mountain, which separates Sonoma and Napa counties. A cool, coastal climate and volcanic soils contribute a rich minerality to the wines.

### **The 2018 Growing Season:**

An exceptionally mild vintage, 2018 was notable for its long growing season and lack of temperature spikes. Growers were blessed with generous crops and we were able to pick each site at the peak of its perfection. With slightly lower Brix overall, the 2018 white wines are naturally high in acid, providing a brisk freshness.

### **The Winemaking:**

Winemaker Jennifer Williams has been with Ziata since January 2015. After interning for a harvest at Araujo Estate and Spottswoode Estate, she joined Spottswoode full time and worked under the tutelage of vineyard manager David Abreu before becoming the winery's vineyard manager for two years, and then winemaker for six years, before launching her consulting business in 2011.

Varietal: 100% Sauvignon Blanc with 50% of Musqué clone  
Appellation: Napa Valley  
Fermentation: 64% neutral French oak, 20% new French oak, 16% stainless steel barrels  
Alcohol: 14.1%  
Production: 988 cases