



BUTTONWOOD

WINERY & VINEYARD

2016 Grenache Blanc

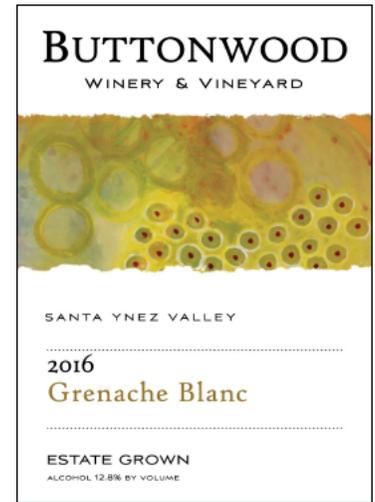
PROUDLY GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED ON OUR SANTA YNEZ VALLEY ESTATE

OVERVIEW A cool summer-breeze of a wine, we call it “Summertime in a Glass”. A perfect all-season sipper that pairs beautifully with salads or delicate dishes.

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BLEND 100% Grenache Blanc

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SPECS 12.8% Alcohol, 3.36 pH, 6.0 g/L acidity

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PRODUCTION 127 cases bottled April 2016
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IN THE VINEYARD

With two blocks of about an acre each, we have a little over two acres of this easy-going grape. Both blocks have undulating west-east rows, with the newest block (grafted from Marsanne in 2014) situated to the far northern end of the vineyard and the initial block (grafted from Merlot in 2008) in the heartland of the vineyard. Much care must be taken to balance the crop load, taking it to one cluster per shoot to perfectly balance the overachiever character of grenache blanc.

THE VINTAGE

A warm spring and early summer led to sublime conditions in July and August for even ripening. The cool nights and even daytime warmth continued into September and October, and even though drought conditions persisted, the crop was bountiful and balanced. The last grapes to be harvested in 2016, we brought block 1 in at 24.6° brix and block 3 at 20.4° brix on October 13, 2016.

WINEMAKING

Although Grenache blanc clusters are large, they are stingy when it comes to juice yields. We pressed the grapes as whole clusters in small batches to press berries against stems, then settled the orange-colored juice under cold temperatures in stainless steel and inoculated with Rhone4600 yeast. Malo-lactic fermentation was inhibited and the wine moved to neutral French oak barrels for six months. No fining was necessary, the wine was cold stabilized and bottled in April of 2017.

TASTING NOTES

A pale coral color glistens in the glass, inviting a swirl. Delicate aromas of strawberry fields and hibiscus lead to a crisp and tangy palate full of citrus peel, pomelo and raspberry, overlaid with crisp minerally notes and a hint of garden herb.