

# 2020 TAYLOR'S VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC – MUSQUÉ CLONE – DRY CREEK VALLEY



## HISTORY

Sauvignon Musqué is a unique clonal selection of the Sauvignon Blanc variety. Often mistaken for “Muscat” or a sweet wine, Sauvignon Musqué is a delicious interpretation of the classic varietal. We grow and produce this wonderful wine from a single vineyard (named after Taylor, Kim and Don Wallace’s daughter) which lies on the western bench of the Dry Creek Valley. Juicy and full-bodied, this wine has no oak aging and is fermented in stainless steel tanks to highlight the fresh fruit characters.

## GROWING SEASON

The fall and winter rains of the 2020 growing season were slightly below average, but spring rains helped to increase the total rainfall. Heat waves in mid-August and the first week of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of harvest. Two unexpected factors were the Walbridge Fire in August, in a remote forested area, and the Glass Fire in September, located on the eastern side of Sonoma County. This, combined with using lighter pressings, has resulted in delicious wines with beautiful aromas and flavors.

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This vintage of Taylor’s Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc – Musqué Clone displays intense aromas of passionfruit, tangerine and peach with a hint of freshly-cut flowers. The palate showcases vibrant flavors of honeydew melon, mango and kiwi, with subtle notes of minerality. This esoteric varietal highlights the perfect balance of citrus and stone fruit. Full of complexity and depth, the Musqué clone exhibits the luxurious, creamy mouthfeel and texture of a balanced and elegant white wine, while stainless steel fermentation preserves the excellent structure and vibrant acidity.

RELEASE DATE	September 2021
BLEND	100% Sauvignon Blanc – Musqué Clone
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 21, 2020
ALCOHOL	14.1%
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel fermented at an average of 55°F for 24 days
BRIX	Average 23.2
PH	3.28
TA	6.2g/L
SOILS	Valley floor, alluvial soil
VINE AGE	20 years
YIELDS	6–7 tons per acre

