

# TASTING NOTES



B & W Wines

## MATANZAS CREEK SONOMA COUNTY SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2015

### BACKGROUND

FOUNDED IN 1977, MATANZAS CREEK WINERY IS LOCATED ON THE SITE OF A RETIRED DAIRY FARM IN SONOMA COUNTY'S BENNETT VALLEY. IN 1985, THE ORIGINAL WINERY, A CONVERTED DAIRY BARN, GAVE WAY TO A MODERN WINEMAKING FACILITY AND SINCE THAT TIME THE ESTATE'S BENNETT VALLEY VINEYARDS HAVE GROWN TO INCLUDE OVER 280-ACRES OF CHARDONNAY, MERLOT AND SYRAH. VINEYARD ACQUISITIONS IN SONOMA VALLEY, CARNEROS, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY AND KNIGHTS VALLEY PROVIDE THE VINEYARD MANAGEMENT AND WINEMAKING TEAMS WITH AN ENVIABLE SELECTION OF FRUIT. SOURCED FROM ESTATE-OWNED VINEYARDS, THE MATANZAS CREEK WINE PORTFOLIO INCLUDES SAUVIGNON BLANC, CHARDONNAY AND MERLOT, AS WELL AS A LIMITED AMOUNT OF SYRAH AND CABERNET SAUVIGNON.

AS IMPORTANT AS THE HISTORY OF THE WINERY ITSELF IS ITS LOCATION IN SONOMA COUNTY'S NEWEST AMERICAN VITICULTURAL AREA (AVA), BENNETT VALLEY. ALTHOUGH ONLY FORMALLY RECOGNIZED AS AN AVA IN DECEMBER 2003, BENNETT VALLEY HAS A RICH HISTORY OF GRAPE GROWING DATING BACK TO THE MID-1800S. ONCE DEFINED AS PART OF SONOMA COUNTY'S SONOMA VALLEY AND SONOMA MOUNTAIN AVA'S, BENNETT VALLEY OVERLAPS WITH THESE WINEGROWING REGIONS BUT CARVES OUT 8,150 ACRES TO CALL ITS OWN (OF WHICH 850 ACRES ARE PLANTED WITH GRAPEVINES). THREE MOUNTAINS DEFINE BENNETT VALLEY AND ALSO SERVE TO CAPTURE A COOL MARITIME AIR STREAM WHICH PROMOTES A COOLER, LONGER GROWING SEASON THAT RESULTS IN MORE COMPLEX WINES.

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LEADING WITH AROMAS OF WHITE PEACH AND MELON ARE JOINED BY INTRIGUING ELEMENTS OF WHITE RIVER ROCK, FENNEL, AND OYSTER SHELL. HINTS OF LIME ZEST AND WHITE LILY ADD TO THE COMPLEX AROMATIC PROFILE. A BROAD MOUTHFEEL IS FRAMED BY NATURAL, LIVELY ACIDITY AND A LINGERING FINISH.



**VINTAGE:** 2015

**WINERY:** MATANZAS CREEK ([HTTP://WWW.MATANZASCREEK.COM/](http://www.matanzascreek.com/))

**REGION:** CALIFORNIA

**AVAILABILITY:** AVAILABLE NOW IN CONSIGNMENT

**CASE QUANTITY:** 12 BOTTLES PER CASE

**BOTTLE SIZE:** 750 ML

**COMPOSITION:** SAUVIGNON BLANC (100%)



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