



B CELLARS
vineyards and winery
NAPA VALLEY

Blend 23

66% sauvignon blanc
26% chardonnay
8% viognier

2016
200 Cases

VINEYARD	Star	Oso	Kick
VARIETAL	Chardonnay	Sauvignon Blanc	Viognier
APPELLATION	Rutherford	Napa Valley	Sonoma
HARVEST DATE	September 6	August 24	September 16
BRIX	22.4	23.1	26.6

Kirk Venge's Notes

This intriguing fusion of varietals exhibits exceptional balance of both acidity and body. Initial aromas of citrus basket, stone and tropical fruits come to the foreground while subtle expressions of orange blossom and honeysuckle arise. Great structure and minerality are brought forth from the barrel fermented Chardonnay, while the Sauvignon Blanc provides a lively crispness, rounded out by the great viscosity of the Viognier.

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Crafting the Blend 23

Philosophy

There are a multitude of wonderful and flavorful variables in this bottle. Blend 23 is an engaging blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier and is truly a wine of unique character. We crafted the Chardonnay to deliver a clean and bright wine reminiscent of Chablis. The Sauvignon Blanc frames the Chardonnay and Viognier in bright flavors and tropical notes with just the right concentration of acidity. The Viognier contributes a kick of grapefruit and floral nuances – plus, a hint of viscosity that conveys a very pleasurable mouth-feel. Barrel fermented in 25% new tight grain French Oak.

Harvest

Like all of our wines, these delicate white varietals are carefully hand harvested early in the cool hours of the morning into half-ton bins. The fruit is put direct to press to ensure the freshest and most immediate pressing of the undamaged whole clusters.

Winemaking

Fermentation is cold and averages 25 days in both stainless steel and cask, followed by quiet sur lie ageing. The wines are undisturbed, except on occasion when the barrel settlings are gently stirred for further mid palate development. None of the wines endured malolactic fermentation; total production time in barrels is 7 months.

Results

~ 2016 Blend 23 was bottled on June 29, 2017

~ Final wine values: 14.2% alcohol; 0.72g/100mL Titratable Acidity and 3.42 pH