



2016  
SONOMA COUNTY  
SAUVIGNON BLANC

Our Sonoma County wines showcase the vibrant fruit and balanced complexities for which this beautiful region is famous.

ABOUT SONOMA

Located in the Northwest of the San Francisco Bay Area region in California, Sonoma County has its place among the world's top winegrowing regions with 17 American Viticultural Areas (AVAs or appellations) and almost 60,000 acres of vineyards.

At Kenwood we source grapes from throughout the county to assemble our award-winning wines, and place particular focus on those AVAs we consider the most interesting to create our signature offerings.



FROM THE WINEMAKER

The selected vineyards for our Sauvignon Blanc are located in the cooler appellations of Carneros and the Russian River Valley, giving the wine a crisp style with citrus characteristics while grapes from the warmer Sonoma Valley impact the melon and tropical fruit flavors of this well-balanced wine.

The growing season of the 2016 vintage began early with a warm and dry spring, followed by a relatively cool summer. Harvest of the individual vineyard lots for our Sauvignon Blanc began on August 24th at the peak of flavor, and ended on September 26th. We fermented and aged the grapes in separate lots of small stainless steel tanks to maximize the delicate flavors, and select individual small lots to craft a harmonious and complex blend. The wine was produced without any barrel aging or malolactic fermentation to bring out the full varietal character of a Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc.

*Pat Henderson*  
Pat Henderson, Chief Winemaker




WINE DETAILS

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc  
**Appellation:** Sonoma County  
**Alcohol:** 13.5%  
**Acidity/pH:** 6.1 / 3.28  
**Aging:** 100% stainless steel tanks




TASTING NOTES

 **SMELL**  
Passion fruit, lemongrass, jasmine and a hint of ginger  
**TASTE**  
Honeydew melon, tropical fruit, lingering acidity with a hint of creaminess on the finish

FOOD PAIRINGS

-  Spring Vegetable and Goat Cheese Tart
-  Grilled Chicken Skewers with Pesto
-  Spring Carrot Soup

KENWOOD VINEYARDS

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