

THE TERRACES

2015 Chenin Blanc Clarksburg

Varietal: 94.9% Chenin Blanc
5.1% Riesling

Cases: 735

Alcohol: 12.5%

Bottled: April 8, 2016

Released: June 15, 2016

Suggested Retail: \$22.00

Vineyard: McCormack Family Vineyard is located in the Clarksburg AVA. They have been farming 600 acres in the Delta region along the Sacramento River for five generations. Fog and cool breezes from San Francisco Bay keep the area quite cool, enabling production of high quality white grape varieties.

Vintage: Unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring resulted in an early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May caused uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in much smaller crop. The high temperatures in August and early September accelerated maturity and picking times. Although yields were lower this is a vintage of exceptional quality.

Production: Hand picked and sorted prior to being removed from the stems and slightly crushed. The grapes initially go in one-ton insulated bins with plenty of dry ice, and spend between 20 and 30 hours on their skins to extract flavors. Very gently pressed in a one-ton basket press, the juice is left to settle. A combination of wild and domestic yeasts are used to maximize complexity and varietal characteristics. Fermented at cold temperatures in stainless tanks until almost dry, the wines are moved sur lee to mostly neutral French oak barrels. Stirred every two weeks until bottling, the wine develops richness that is balanced by the prevention of malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Notes: Lemon-tinged in color, with aromas of tangerine blossom, grapefruit and honeysuckle. Medium body palate with underripe stone fruit and bright citrus characteristics. Crisp malic acid and surprising weight in the mouth, this is a great alternative white wine.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. We produce less than 3500 cases in total each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.

