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2023 VALLIANT SAUVIGNON BLANC GRIVA VINEYARD

Under vine since 1849, the Valliant family farmed Eden Rift's mountain vineyard during the 1930s and 1940s. The Valliant wines pay tribute to their pioneering spirit and reflects a continuum of enological efforts along California's dramatic Central Coast - terrain featuring coastal mountains, situated atop the Pacific Plate, a tectonic plate of lifted seabed, along the Golden State coastline.

VINEYARD NOTES

Valliant Griva Vineyard is found in the heart of the Arroyo Seco AVA in Monterey County. It is a property divided by the Arroyo Seco River; a seasonal waterway bringing rain and snow-melt from the Santa Lucia Mountains to the Salinas River. Over millennia this tributary has migrated tons of eroded granite and shale downstream, with much of it coming to rest in what is today the Griva property. The river-washed 'galets' have collected in cobblestone beds and make up the meager
surface soil, which diminishes yields.

CELLAR NOTES

Found in the Arroyo Seco's ancient, dried river channel, the vines of Griva Vineyard benefit from unobstructed exposure to Monterey Bay and its cooling, maritime influences. On the morning of October 14th, the winery received hand-picked bins of Musque clone (FPS 27) Sauvignon Blanc. The fruit was gently whole-cluster pressed and racked to the tank for 24 hours of cold settling. Following settling, a portion of the juice was transferred to neutral French oak barrels with the balance remaining in the tank. Both lots were fermented with indigenous yeast and were aged
approximately 11 months. Neither lot went through secondary fermentation and were combined three months prior to bottling.

WINEMAKER NOTES

"An old Bordelaise cutting, the Musque clone of Sauvignon Blanc is naturally low-yielding. It was first planted in the Arroyo Seco during the 1960s and thrives in the region's rocky, cool climate. Meticulously farmed by proprietor Michael Griva, his
The property's terrain is covered by palm-sized, granite stones. Locally referred to as "Greenfield Potatoes" these stones are arrayed atop one another and make up the meager, surface soil of Griva Vineyard. Due to the cool nature of the site and a confluence of fog, strong winds and poor soils – the vines struggle to ripen, leading to a density of fruit flavor as sugar accumulates slowly. White floral aromatics dominate the nose from this aromatic clone, while citrus and gooseberry characters float on the palate – finishing with bright crisp acidity.



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HARVEST DATA	
Harvest Date	October 14, 2023
Vineyard	100% Griva Vineyard Musque Clone (27)
Avg. Tons/Acre	3.2

WINE DATA	
Composition	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Fermentation	15% Barrel 85% Tank 100% Native 0% ML
Aging	15%Neutral French Oak 85% Stainless Steel 11 months
PH	3.33
TA	9.4 g/l
ALC	13.9%
Bottling Date	September 2024