EDEN RIFT

2018 GRIVA VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC ARROYO SECO

On occasion Eden Rift looks beyond its mountainside estate to source fruit from intriguing vineyards in the local winegrowing community. 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 diminish 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 September 26, the winery received hand-picked bins of Musque clone (FPS 27) Sauvignon Blanc. The fruit was gently whole-cluster pressed and racked to tank for 24 hours of cold settling. Following settling, a third of the juice was transferred to neutral French oak barrels with the balance remaining in tank. Both lots were fermented on indigenous yeast and were aged approximately 6 months. Neither lot went through secondary fermentation and were combined three weeks prior to bottling on March 26, 2019.

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 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. Remarkably the site is the confluence of many extreme growing attributes; as strong winds and daily fog limit daily photosynthesis and elongate hangtime, while nutrient poor soil conditions limit vine vigor, and ultimately culminate to produce intense and complex winegrapes."

"This wine showcases the racy yet exotic nature of Musque clone. In the glass aromas of nectarine, white grapefruit, starfruit, orange blossom and minerals shine brightly. Well-balanced the wine shows fresh acidity with nice weight and a long finish."



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HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates September 26, 2018

Vineyard Griva Vineyard

Musque Clone (27) Clone(s)

Average Tons/Acre

WINE DATA

Release Date

Composition 100% Sauvignon Blanc (percentage by clone) Musque Clone

Fermentation 35% Barrel | 65% Tank

100% Native Aging Regime

35% Neutral French oak 65% Stainless Steel

6 months | 0 ML

3.30 Total Acidity 6.80 a/L Alcohol 14.2%

Bottling Date March 26, 2019

May 2019

Case Production 630 cases (750 ml)