



2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Willamette Valley

380 Cases Produced

Vineyard Composition

55% Aurora Colony Vineyard, Aurora
45% Redford-Wetle Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills

Chemistry

13% Alcohol
6.0 g/L Residual Sugar
6.6 g/L Titratable Acidity
3.23 pH

Vintage Notes

I have always loved Sauvignon blanc. Not as a geeky wine, but for its pure pleasure-giving qualities—in all its international mutations. That being said, I am a Riesling geek at heart, so, as with any of those wines I craft, balance is always key—specifically the balance of acid and fruit which I hope you will discover in this wine. I was introduced to the joys of Willamette Valley Sauvignon blanc by my first wine teacher Patty Green of Patricia Green Cellars. I got to work with it with her, as well as touch it while helping out Jay Somers (J. Christopher) and Andrew Rich. These three—The Sauvignon Blanc Cartel—really defined the varietal in Oregon. We are only continuing what they started.

This bottling is comprised of grapes from two vineyards. Redford-Wetle is the Eola Hills home vineyard of Myron Redford and Vikki Wetle, the co-founders of Amity Vineyards Winery. It was planted six years ago to their favorite varietals. Aurora Colony Vineyards is a new discovery of 2015. Planted by the Moore family near the town of Aurora, not far from the banks of the Willamette River. This is a warmer valley floor site.

The Sauvignon blanc came into the winery on September 10th and September 14th, 2015. The grapes were gently pressed whole-cluster and the juice settled for a few days before being racked off of the gross lees. The must was fermented slowly in a walk-in cooler in small stainless steel drums, small poly tanks and one twice-filled French oak puncheon (130 gallons) using a selection of commercial and native yeasts. After the fermentations reached their natural conclusions, the separate lots were blended, stabilized and filtered by the gentlest means. This wine was bottled on July 7th, 2016. This is the second commercial release of Sauvignon Blanc from Love & Squalor.