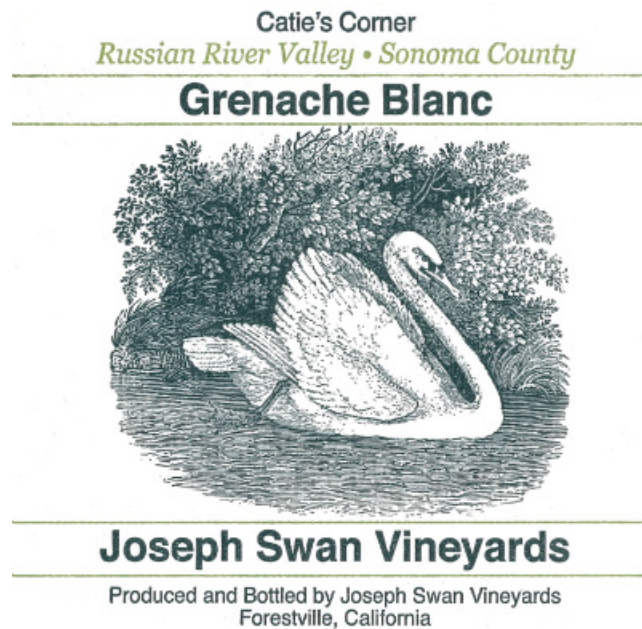


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2016 Grenache Blanc - Catie's Corner - Russian River Valley



The fourth most widely planted white grape in France, it is still relatively scarce in the US. Genetically identical to the red version of grenache, it is, like pinot blanc and pinot gris, considered a pigment phenotype of the better-known red version. A unique grape made with a unique method. Fermented and aged on the lees for 2 years in neutral French Oak barrels before bottling. From Catie's Corner vineyard in Windsor, this vineyard promotes the beautiful aromatics in Grenache Blanc with hints of pear on the nose.

Winemaking

Whole-cluster pressed immediately after picking. Native fermentation, no yeast added. Aged on the lees for 2 years in French oak barrels. Full malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in barrel. Minimal amounts of sulfur added throughout aging process, maintaining 25 ppm free at bottling. 90 cases produced.

Notes

Orange zest, asian pear, mandarin orange marmelade, waxing poetic, peach pits, pomelo zest.