

PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

2005 MUSCAT BLANC

LIPTON DANIEL VINEYARD

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Fred's Vintaged View:

When Doug Lipton and Cindy Daniel approached me a few years ago regarding what type of grapes to plant in their Dry Creek Valley organic farm, I raised the idea of growing a field-blend of Muscat Blanc and Orange Muscat. They liked the idea and after working with them to get the vineyard up and producing, I jumped at the chance to make a wine from their Muscat grapes.

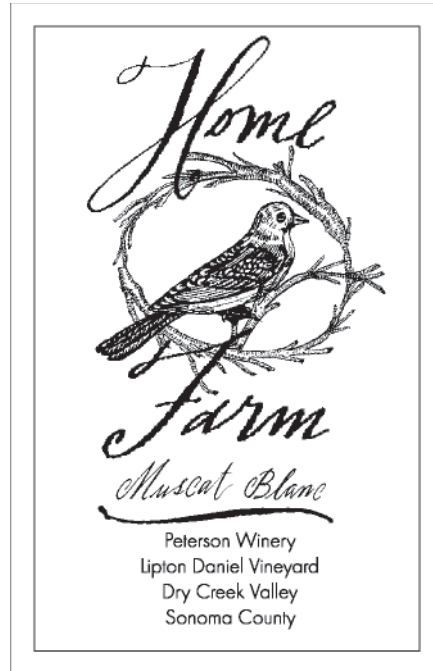
The Muscat de Beauges de Venise from the Rhone Valley region in France has long been a favorite of mine. The beauty of a Muscat Blanc produced in the Beauges de Venise style is its versatility. Although it is high in alcohol and residual sugar, the wine never takes on the cloying characteristic of a late harvest wine. The strongly floral aromatics blend with the exotic flavors of peach, lychee nut, melon and honeysuckle to create a delicious wine that is a perfect treat on a warm sunny day or by the glow of a winter fire.

Tasting Notes:

A spring walk through a grove of blossoming orange trees is a memorable aromatic experience. So is our Muscat Blanc—the perfumey essence of orange blossoms swirled with apricot nectar, orange zest and caramel. These alluring fragrances are mirrored in the velvety smooth flavors. Apricot, white nectarine and peach wrapped in the envelope of crème brulee with a decadent caramelized top. This show-stopping dessert wine beckons for a custard-filled tart topped with fresh fruit or a traditional English trifle.

Vineyard:

The Lipton Daniel Muscat vineyard occupies just a portion of the organic orchard that surrounds Doug and Cindy's home in the heart of Dry Creek Valley. Planted to Muscat Blanc (85%) and Orange Muscat (15%), the vines are head trained and farmed to produce the most aromatic, intensely Muscat flavored grapes.



Technical Data:

Composition:	100% Dry Creek Valley
<i>Varietal Breakdown:</i>	<i>Harvest Dates:</i>
85% Muscat Blanc	Sept. 20, 2005
15% Orange Muscat	Oct. 11, 2005
Appellation:	Lipton Daniel Vineyard Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Alcohol:	17.5%
R.S.	11%
pH:	3.72
TA:	0.52g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	1 month in new French oak barrels, then 12 months in stainless steel
Bottling Date:	November 30, 2006 / unfiltered
Production:	175 cases (375ml)
Release Date:	March 2007

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