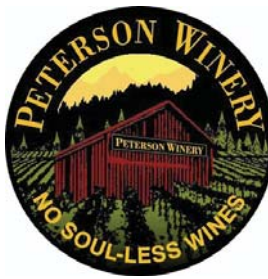


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## 2006 MUSCAT BLANC

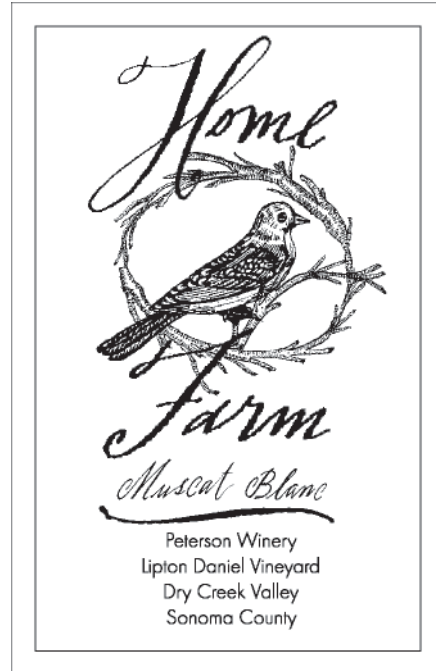
LIPTON DANIEL VINEYARD

DRY CREEK VALLEY

### Fred's (Peterson) 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 Beaufort from the Rhone Valley region in France has long been a favorite of mine. The beauty of a Muscat Blanc produced in the Beaufort 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:

Interwoven aromas of ripe apricots and floral notes create an alluring fragrance for our 2006 Muscat Blanc. Both the aromas and flavors transport you to an orchard at springtime, drinking in the delicate aroma of blossoming orange trees. The sweet smooth flavors of apricots and lychee nuts, with just a hint of nutmeg, are balanced against the high alcohol, producing a heavenly tasting experience. Perfect with a fresh fruit platter or a bread pudding drizzled in caramel sauce, this Muscat Blanc pairs with a range of desserts. It also works well as a stand-alone treat after a meal, or fireside with a favorite companion or good book.

### 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  
*Varietal Breakdown:* 85% Muscat Blanc 15% Orange Muscat  
*Harvest Dates:* Oct. 11, 2006 Oct. 23, 2006  
Appellation: Lipton Daniel Vineyard  
Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County  
Alcohol: 16.8%  
R.S.: 10.5%  
pH: 3.8  
TA: 0.48g/100ml  
Barrel Aging: 1 month in new Hungarian oak barrels,  
then 11 months in stainless steel  
Bottling Date: November 8, 2007  
Production: 160 cases (375ml)  
Release Date: March 2008