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2007 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 Beaugues 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 Beaugues 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:

Our Muscat Blanc isn't just another dessert wine—it's a seductress in a bottle. The gorgeous amber color and enticing aromas of orange blossoms and honeysuckle draw you in. Then the creamy texture and rich, lush flavors of yellow stone fruit – apricot, peach and nectarine – blend with a floral essence and toasty oak notes. The sweetness and alcohol perform a balancing act where neither is dominant, allowing the beauty and charm of the wine to retain center stage.

With so many delicious components, this wine offers a bounty of pairings – from a fruit and cheese plate to fresh peach cobbler with crème fraîche – or savor it by itself and enjoy the layers of fruits nestled in every sip.

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.



18.0% ALC. BY VOL.

Technical Data:

Composition:	100% Dry Creek Valley	
<i>Varietal Breakdown:</i>	<i>Harvest Dates:</i>	
75% Muscat Blanc	Sept. 6, 2007	
25% Orange Muscat	Sept. 6, 2007	
Appellation:	Lipton Daniel Vineyard Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County	
Alcohol:	18.0%	
R.S.	14.5%	
pH:	3.75	
TA:	0.52g/100ml	
Barrel Aging:	6 weeks in new French oak barrels	
Bottling Date:	November 21, 2008	
Production:	175 cases (375ml)	
Release Date:	April 2009	