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## 2008 HOME FARM 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.

In 2008, many vineyards in Dry Creek Valley received frost damage in late April. The Lipton-Daniel Vineyard did as well, especially the Orange Muscat vines. Orange Muscat constitutes 15% of the vineyard, but in 2008, it only comprise 8% of the harvested fruit.

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 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:

Striking aromatics of fragrant honeysuckle and orange blossom, with a touch of peach, set the tone for this delicious elixir. The rich, velvety texture caresses the palate with lush flavors of zesty orange, nectarine, lychee nut, honey and hazelnut that lingering into the finish.

The wine's naturally high acidity balances the sugar and alcohol, making this Muscat Blanc a dessert by itself, or a wonderful addition to your favorite after dinner cheese course.

### 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>	
92% Muscat Blanc	Sept. 6, 2008	
8% Orange Muscat	Sept. 6, 2008	
Appellation:	Lipton Daniel Vineyard Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County	
Alcohol:	17.8%	
R.S.	13.8%	
pH:	3.65	
TA:	0.47g/100ml	
Barrel Aging:	2 months in new French oak barrels; 20 months in stainless steel	
Bottling Date:	July 7, 2010	
Production:	90 cases (375ml)	
Release Date:	October 2010	