

PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

2004 MUSCAT BLANC

LIPTON DANIEL VINEYARD

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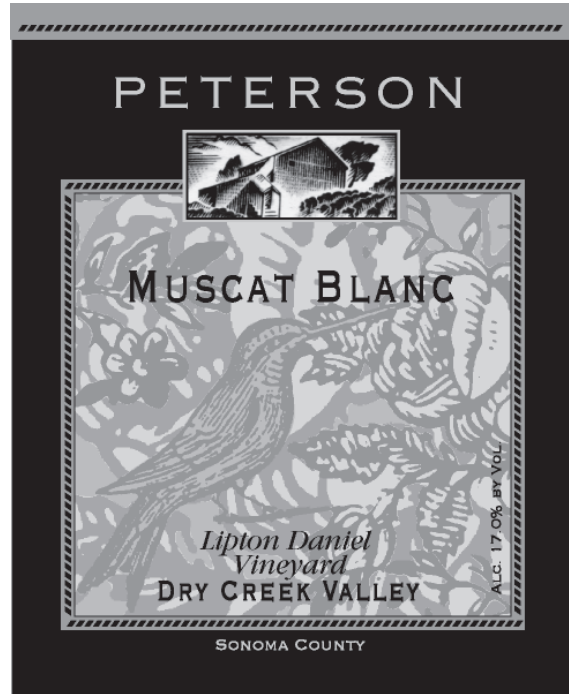
Fred's Vintaged View:

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 Beaumes 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 Beaumes 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.

Technical Data:

Composition:	90% Muscat Blanc 10% Orange Muscat
Appellation:	Lipton Daniel Vineyard Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Date:	Sept. 13, 2004
Alcohol:	17%
R.S.	11%
pH:	3.80
TA:	5.2g/100ml
Bottling Date:	September 20, 2005
Production:	130 cases (375ml)
Release Date:	November 2005



Tasting Notes:

Seductive fragrances of freshly sliced white peaches, ripe apricots and fresh baked bread mingle with the floral essences as you sip this mesmerizing wine. Possessing nectar-like qualities without being cloying, the creamy texture and delicious blend of peaches and apricots fill your palate. The perfect balance of tart and sweet yields a luscious, smooth sophisticated treat.

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.

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