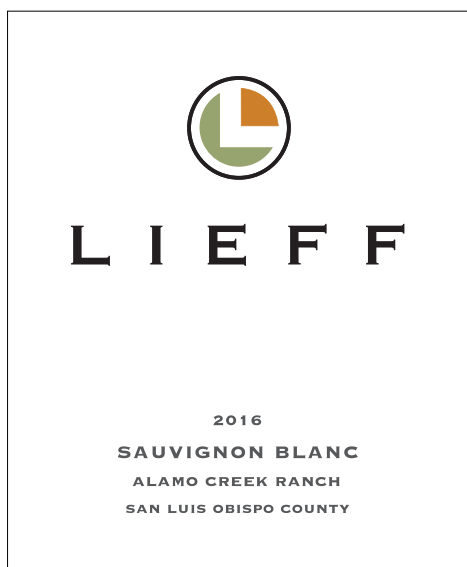




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ALAMO CREEK RANCH 2016 SAUVIGNON BLANC



VINEYARD

Alamo Creek Vineyard sits in a small, pristine valley nestled against the rugged terrain of the Los Padres National Forest. You'll find us along Alamo Creek Road in Southern San Luis Obispo County at the end of a charming dirt road off Highway 166 past Twitchell Reservoir. The Alamo Creek vineyard possesses the southern-most fruit in San Luis Obispo County. Offering unmatched terroir that includes a pristine microclimate and planted on soils that are perfectly matched to Sauvignon Blanc.

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Sauvignon Blanc was picked on September 9th at optimal ripeness and perfect balance at 24.3 Brix. The grapes were whole cluster pressed to tank for cold settling. The juice was racked to a stainless steel tank and two neutral French oak barrels for fermentation. The stainless steel tank was fermented with VL3 yeast from Bordeaux to enhance varietal aroma while the barrels were fermented using QA 23 yeast from Portugal for added complexity. After the long cold fermentation sulphur was added to inhibit malolactic fermentation. The barrels were combined with the stainless steel portion to round out the wine and add another layer of flavor. The wine was fined and filtered prior to bottling on May 9th 2017.

The bouquet on the 2016 Lief Sauvignon Blanc soars. High toned aromas of citrus, melon and passion fruit along with scents of sandalwood, star fruit, mineral and spice. Upfront flavors of citrus, melon and pineapple lead to a zesty core of mineral, spice, honeysuckle and herb finishing fresh and clean with bright acidity.

WINEMAKER

Our wine is crafted by expert winemaker Mikael Sigouin of Kaena Wines, who began his winemaking artistry with Beckmen Vineyards and Fess Parker Winery. Nearly 20 years in the wine industry have prepared his palate to understand the delicate nuances in fragrance and taste.

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