



FERRARI-CARANO

Vineyards and Winery

FUMÉ BLANC

SONOMA COUNTY

2017

One of the first two wines Ferrari-Carano ever made over 35 years ago, this Fumé Blanc is comprised of Sauvignon Blanc grapes from Sonoma County.

GRAPE

Sauvignon Blanc

AROMAS & FLAVORS

This wine has delicious aromas and flavors of pink grapefruit, lemongrass, lychee, peach, pear, honeydew melon, orange blossom, pineapple, guava and a touch of minerality. The Fumé Blanc has bright acidity and crisp freshness from the cool, stainless steel tank fermentation, while the subtle oak character from neutral French oak barrels adds body, complexity and depth.

HOW IT'S MADE

This wine is a blend of Sauvignon Blanc grapes from various appellations in Sonoma County — Dry Creek, Alexander and Russian River Valleys. When the grapes arrive at the winery, each lot is gently crushed and pressed into stainless steel tanks for 48 hours of cold settling. The juice is either transferred to stainless steel tanks or older French oak barrels for fermentation. The wine in barrels is sur lie aged and stirred every other week for two months, then blended and bottled.

THE VINTAGE

The 2017 season began with much-needed record rainfall during the winter months, followed by a mild but rainy spring. A warm summer followed, including a scorching hot Labor Day heat spike and unusual rain in September, before it finally cooled off into fall. The first Sauvignon Blanc grapes were picked August 28th and the last grapes on September 28th, making it a very fast harvest, but diligent attention in the vineyards led to the perfect blend of aromas and flavors that we desire in our wines.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Fumé Blanc pairs well with simple seafood and poultry dishes, and also holds up nicely with veal and pork. This wine has lively flavors that go well with spicy and ethnic cuisines such as Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, Chinese, Korean, Mexican and Southwestern dishes.

COOPERAGE

65% stainless steel tanks, 35% older French oak barrels

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol/pH/TA: 13.8%/3.35/.57

Bottled: January 2018

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