



FROSTWATCH *Vineyard & Winery*

Frostwatch 2014 Kismet

Cases produced: 90

Suggested retail: \$24

Composition: 76% Sauvignon Blanc, 24% Semillon

Harvest dates: 9/13/14 & 10/9/14

Brix at Harvest: Sauvignon Blanc-24.3 brix, Semillon-23.3 brix

Blend TA: 5.9

Blend Ph: 3.37

Alc: 14.8%

Vineyard Sources: Both the Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon grapes come from Frostwatch Vineyard located in Bennett Valley, a relatively new AVA in Sonoma County. A gap in the surrounding mountains permits cool coastal breezes and fog to pour into the valley on a regular basis throughout the spring and summer. As a result, the appellation is distinguished by its very long growing season, modest yields relative to other areas and full flavored wines with good natural acidity. Frostwatch Vineyard, planted in 1997, is located on a rocky apron beneath Bennett Peak.

Winemaking: The wine was whole cluster pressed and then fermented utilizing indigenous yeast. The Sauvignon Blanc was fermented in stainless steel and the Semillon was barrel fermented in once used French oak. The wine was lightly fined for clarity and was bottled unfiltered on April 15, 2015.

Back Story & Tasting Notes: The Frostwatch Kismet is a proprietary blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. This White Bordeaux cuvee is based on “mis-plants” later identified as these two varieties which were accidentally planted in our original Chardonnay block. After several years of holding the fruit back and making wine in our garage, we came to the conclusion that the blend was something special. When we redeveloped our vineyard a few years back, we decided to plant a few acres to our mystery clones in hopes of producing this wine on a commercial scale. This alternative white has consistently received high marks from Connoisseurs Guide to California Wine. The 2012 and 2011 each received 92 points and the 2010 received 91 points. (We struggled with our Sauvignon Blanc in 2013 and produced the Semillon dominant Vice Versa instead.) This may be as close to a sure thing as you will ever find. The wines have vibrant fruit yet also exhibit richness and complexity. Our Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon plantings are coming into maturity and are now producing three to four tons to the acre in a warm vintage. While this tonnage pales in comparison to other more production-oriented vineyards, we believe that given the extreme quality of the fruit, the trade-off is justified!

Winemaker: Brett Raven

Ratings: 2014 not rated. Not produced in 2013. 2012 and 2011- 92 pts from Connoisseurs Guide to California Wine. 2010 91 pts from Connoisseurs Guide to California Wine.