



**FROSTWATCH** *Vineyard & Winery*

## Frostwatch 2016 Kismet

**Cases produced:** 125

**Suggested retail:** \$26

**Composition:** White Bordeaux blend: 76% Sauvignon Blanc, 24% Semillon

**Harvest dates:** Frostwatch Sauvignon Blanc-9/23/16, Frostwatch Semillon-10/10/16

**Brix at Harvest:** Sauvignon Blanc-24.5 brix, Semillon-23.0 brix

**Blend TA:** 5.7

**Blend Ph:** 3.28

**Alc:** 14.8%

**Vineyard Sources:** Both of the components for the blend come from Frostwatch Vineyard in the Bennett Valley Appellation, which is distinguished by its very long growing seasons, modest yields relative to other areas and full-flavored wines with good natural acidity. The mystery clones that comprise this consistently well-reviewed blend make unique and delicious wines in every vintage. Kismet means “fate or destiny” and that perfectly describes the fortuitous circumstances that led to our growing and vinification of this unique wine!

**Winemaking:** The grapes were harvested separately and whole cluster pressed and then fermented utilizing indigenous yeast. The Sauvignon Blanc is usually one of our first harvests and the Semillon is always our last harvest. The Sauvignon Blanc was fermented in stainless steel and the Semillon was barrel fermented in neutral French oak. The wine was lightly fined for clarity and was bottled unfiltered on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Tasting Notes:** Frostwatch Kismet is a proprietary blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. This White Bordeaux cuvee was originally based on 47 vines (plants later identified as unknown clones of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon), which were accidentally planted in our original Chardonnay block in 1997. After several years of segregating the fruit from those vines, and loving the resulting wine, we took cuttings from the plants and planted several acres of these unique clones. Our mystery clones of these two varietals consistently mesh perfectly with Bennett Valley climatology and soils. The 2016 vintage displays typical (for Frostwatch) notes of melon, peach, apricot and fig on the palate. 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 between 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:** 2016—Double Gold Medal 2018 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, Gold Medal 2018 American Fine Wine Competition, 91 pts Wine Enthusiast. 2015—91 pts Wine Enthusiast, 90 pts Wine Advocate. 2014 vintage--Wine Enthusiast 90 pts, Wine Advocate 90 pts, 2013 not produced, 2012 and 2011 92 pts from Connoisseurs Guide to California Wine.