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Jackass Hill Muscat of Alexandria | Russian River Valley 2016

GROWING YEAR

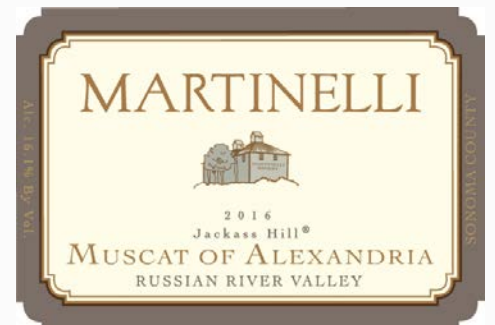
Although 2016 received just below average rainfall, it was still considered the last year of our 5-year drought. However this adequate amount of rain at the appropriate time led to favorable conditions for bloom, which resulted in an even fruit-set and good vine balance. Summer temperatures were cooler, which allowed the fruit to ripen slowly and develop deeper flavors. The weather held steady through harvest allowing us to pick the fruit at optimum maturity levels, resulting in wines full of finesse and intensity.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

This rugged section of the ranch is referred to by the Martinelli family as “Jackass Hill” because only a jackass would farm a hill that steep. Jackass Hill is the steepest non-terraced hillside vineyard in Sonoma County. These Muscat vines are interspersed within the old Zinfandel vineyard, and are also over 100 years old, head-pruned, and picked separate from the Zinfandel that surrounds it.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Jackass Hill Muscat of Alexandria has wonderful lifted aromas of honeysuckle, mandarin orange and baked yellow pear on the nose. The viscous palate has flavors of orange blossom, apricots and vanilla. This wine is floral and expressive without being overly sweet.



2016 Vintage

- 91 points Vinous

2015 Vintage

- 90 points Vinous

2014 Vintage

- 93 points Wine Advocate
- 91 points Vinous

Winemaker: Bryan Kvamme

Consulting Winemaker:
Erin Green

Assistant Winemaker:
Courtney Wagoner

Case Production: 99