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Jackass Hill Muscat of Alexandria | Russian River Valley 2017

GROWING YEAR

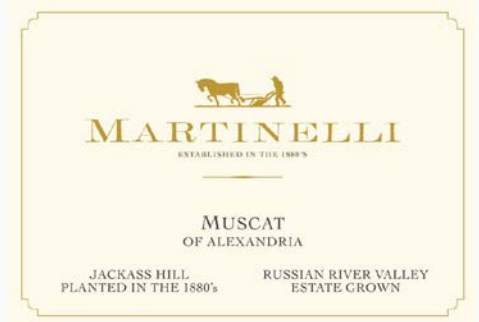
The growing season of 2017 stayed wet with spring rains and cooler temperatures, providing moist soil reserves through the summer. The summer had stretches of hot days throughout, especially over the Labor Day weekend, when harvest was at its peak. We were very lucky in October 2017 that the Tubbs Fire, which burned from Calistoga to Santa Rosa, stopped 1.5 miles from our properties. Across Sonoma County as well as in our vineyards, 95% of all wine grapes were already harvested and were not affected by the smoke from these devastating fires.

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

In the glass it is light golden in color with delicate aromas of honeysuckle, orange blossom and white flower. Supple in the mouth with fresh flavors of lychee, honey and yellow peach skin. >The finish is very clean and refreshing



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: 161