



DONELAN FAMILY WINES

2014 Sonoma County *Venus Roussanne / Viognier*

Venus has both the beauty associated with the Greek goddess and the exotic excitement inspired by the planet it shares a name with. The terroir of both the Bennett and Green Valleys let us transcend the expectation of what white Rhones blends often taste like. For us, Venus has evolved over the years into a wine that is both yin and yang. On the nose, it is floral and pretty with savory and mysterious undertones. On the palate, it is light and chalky, yet round and full.

The 2014 vintage shows off these contrasts to the fullest. Give this wine an hour or so to breathe and it will really lay all its flavors on the table for you. The nose possesses a green grape quality with honeysuckle, nectarines, and fragrant honeydew husk. On the palate, beeswax, white nougat, almond, and quince oil. The wine opens with brightness and precision with a surprising fullness alongside fresh acidity that extends into the finish. This is a truly distinct white wine that, like many of our reds, is a classic food wine that can also shine on its own. One of our favorite restaurants in Healdsburg, Valette, serves this wine with diver scallops en Croute bathed in Champagne Beurre Blanc sauce and topped with caviar.

Vineyard Notes:

Location

2014 provided us with favorable growing conditions in Bennett Valley. This vintage comprises of 52% Drystack Vineyard Roussane and 43% Vivio Vineyard Roussanne, with 5% Kobler Family Vineyard Viognier.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

None

Barrel Aging

11 months

Bottling Date

August 21, 2015

~Native Ferment/Native ML

Composition

95% Roussanne, 5% Viognier

Alcohol

14.0%

Production

265 cases

