



Fred's (Peterson) Vintaged View

When Doug Lipton and Cindy Daniel approached me a few years ago regarding what type of grapes to plant in their Dry Creek Valley organic farm, I raised the idea of growing a field-blend of Muscat Blanc and Orange Muscat. They liked the idea and after working with them to get the vineyard up and producing, I jumped at the chance to make a wine from their Muscat grapes.

The Muscat de Beaugues de Venise from the Rhone Valley region in France has long been a favorite of mine. The beauty of a Muscat Blanc produced in the Beaugues de Venise style is its versatility. Although it is high in alcohol and residual sugar, the wine never takes on the cloying characteristic of a late harvest wine. The strongly floral aromatics blend with the exotic flavors to create a delicious wine that is a perfect treat on a warm sunny day or by the glow of a winter fire.

Tasting Notes

Gorgeous aromatics of an orange grove in full bloom at springtime—sweet, delicate and rich—presents an irresistible nose. The same flavors are mirrored on the palate, honeysuckle, white peach and apricot with the addition of subtle baking spices. The silken, opulent texture is balanced by the crisp acidity.

Pair this lovely wine with a course of fine cheeses for dessert, a trifle or a deep-dish peach pie.

Vineyard

The Lipton Daniel Muscat vineyard occupies just a portion of the organic orchard that surrounds Doug and Cindy's home in the heart of Dry Creek Valley. Planted to Muscat Blanc (85%) and Orange Muscat (15%), the vines are head trained and farmed to produce the most aromatic, intensely Muscat flavored grapes.

2011 MUSCAT BLANC Dessert Wine

LIPTON DANIEL VINEYARD, DRY CREEK VALLEY



Technical Data

Composition: 100% Dry Creek Valley

<i>Varietal Breakdown</i>	<i>Harvest Dates</i>
85% Muscat Blanc	Sept. 28, 2011
15% Orange Muscat	Sept. 28, 2011

Appellation: Lipton Daniel Vineyard
Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Alcohol: 17%

R.S.: 13%

pH: 3.85

TA: 0.45g/100ml

Barrel Aging: 10 months in new French oak barrels,
7 months in stainless steel

Bottling Date: February 18, 2013

Production: 110 cases (375ml)

Release Date: January 2014