

Rocky Point Cellars

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

2013

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Russell-Grooters Vineyard

VINEYARD DETAILS

Russell-Grooters Vineyard, Savannah Ridge, Yamhill-Carlton AVA, Willamette Valley Oregon

Dave Grooters and Robin Russell planted their gorgeous Estate vineyard in 2003 on the hillside of Savannah Ridge in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. Dave & Robin's Sauvignon Blanc is Clone 1, planted on 3309 root stock in 2008. Classic to this AVA, a Wellsdale soil layer sits above marine tuffaceous sandstone and siltstone bedrock allowing for roots to run deep.

THE WINE

The block was picked at 23 brix on the morning of September 26th, just before the valley was hit with rain. We immediately pressed off the fruit to tank - did a very light settling, inoculated, and went into barrels. We barrel fermented this in one 265L, 36 month seasoned, Light toast Bertranges/Troncais Cigar barrel to get the extra lees contact, and one twice used 228L, 48 month seasoned Light toast Troncais barrel - hoping to achieve a more old school Sancerre style of Sauvignon Blanc. More Texture, more spice, more soft plush fruit - less grassy, less cat pee. We want this to be as beautiful to drink fireside as lakeside - we want depth and nuance!

TASTING NOTES

Beautiful round mouthfeel brought from barrel fermentation and aging - leaps and bounds apart from the typical new world Sauvignon Blanc. Processed in stainless steel. Baking spices, toasted almonds, honeysuckle, meyer lemon, with lingering hints of fig and orange blossom.



VINTAGE DETAILS

Harvest Date: September 26th, 2013

Yield: 3.25 Tons per Acre

Brix: 25.4

pH: 3.24

Alcohol: 13.6%

Barrel Aging: 11 months on lees in new and twice filled 36 & 48 month seasoned custom crafted large format ERMITAGE Troncais, Bertranges, and Allier Cigar barrels.

Clone(s): 1

Vine Age: 10 Y.O.

AVA: Yamhill-Carlton, Willamette Valley Oregon

Cases Produced: 77

Released: April 2014

Retail Price: \$42