

# CLUB CRUSH WHITE *May Shipment (#3 - 2016)*

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## THE GRADE CELLARS 2014 "SEA FOG" SAUVIGNON BLANC ~ NAPA VALLEY



The Grade Cellars is a small family-owned producer of handcrafted, ultra premium wines in the Calistoga District of Napa Valley. Under the direction of winemaker, Thomas Rivers Brown, they make two wines - both 100% varietals sourced from single vineyards. The goal in 2014 was to produce a wine that reflected all the freshness and energy that is possible from a Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc.

**TASTING NOTES:** This wine possesses a very light pale daffodil color, almost translucent on the edges. However, the round, perfumey aromatics of this vintage come through in bold waves of honeysuckle, lime zest, apricot, and dried chamomile tea with just a hint of aromatic wood lingering in the background. On the palate, the experience is one of contrast between acid-driven, vivacious flavors of tart apple skin and lemon curd, counter-balanced by rich notes of melon, baked peach, and brioche. True to its cobble-y/rocky soil, the wine has a structured minerality that frames everything and keeps the

palate experience in place and upright. This is a seductive wine that draws you in and keeps you engaged from start to finish.

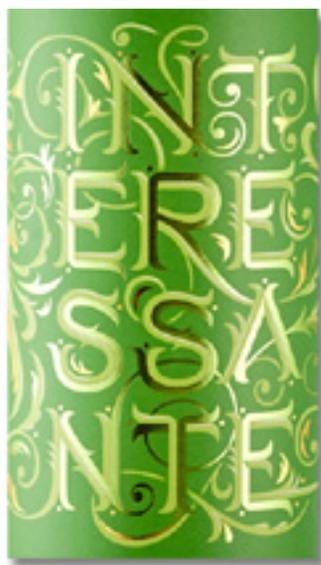
Composition: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Production: 420 cases

**Regular Price. . . \$27.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . \$25.19**

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## BARREL + INK 2014 INTERESSANTE ~ CALIFORNIA



Barrel + Ink is unlike any wine company you've experienced. We are a collective of award-winning, iconic winemakers + designers. We believe when incredible makers come together, it has the power to ignite the unexpected and inspire others. We are not defined by a single winemaker, vineyard, label, region, or style. Instead, we provide a unique platform for winemaker + designer to step out from behind the winery or brand and work together with complete creative freedom. Barrel + Ink is driven by the unconventional and supports the pure expression of passion and craftsmanship. Our wines, and the stories that come with them, are an ever-evolving collection and a diverse sampling of the exceptional. Our releases are available in limited numbers.

This white is completely unlike anything winemaker Andy Erickson has created before—a complex, exciting blend that highlights the best of each grape. The unexpected aromas and flavors inspired Jessica to hand letter "Interessante" —Italian for "interesting." The storybooklike, overgrown, illustrative label embodies the natural terrain of Andy's rustic country property and the vibrancy of the wine.

**TASTING NOTES:** Aromas of citrus peel, key lime, white flowers, and a hint of vanilla bean. The palate shows tropical fruits, Meyer lemon and white peach. The Viognier gives you that

honeysuckle, beeswax character. The Sauvignon Blanc - lifted floral notes, lime zest, and citrus. The Chardonnay gives you that nuttiness, and golden character. The Roussanne gives you earthiness.

Composition: 35% Viognier, 34% Sauvignon Blanc, 22% Semillon, 7% Chardonnay, 2% Roussanne

Production: 350 cases

**Regular Price. . . \$28.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . \$26.09**

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