

# THE BRANDER VINEYARD



## Brander 2015 Los Olivos District Sauvignon Blanc

Our newly acclaimed AVA, Los Olivos District, Sauvignon Blanc remains a perennial favorite. The Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from our own estate vineyard in Los Olivos, as well as a number of other carefully farmed vineyards within the Los Olivos AVA. We are excited to share this wine with you. It is rewarding to see a challenging vintage wrap up successfully. Winter temperatures have been warmer and much shorter. This pattern caused shorter periods of dormancy and triggered bud break to occur at an earlier part of the year. This resulted in an earlier harvest. Fortunately, the growing season has been the same length of time allowing the fruit to reach full maturity and great flavors. Spring rains that arrived during the vine's flowering period also caused some issues in the vineyard. Rains during bloom cause poor fruit set which results in clusters with less berries. Poor fruit set was one of the reasons our yields were about 20% less than average. Hope you enjoy the fruits of our labor as much as we do. Thanks for your ongoing support!

### Technical Information:



Cases Produced: 7,500

Vineyard Sources: Brander Estate, Mesa Verde, Tierra Alta, Buttonwood, Coquelicot, La Presa, Valley View, Giff's

Harvest Dates: August 7th -September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Chemistry: Average Brix: 23.6 degrees; Average pH: 3.23

Winemaking: The grapes were harvested by hand just as each individual vineyard achieved its perfect balance of flavor, ripeness, and acidity. Every lot of grapes was 100% destemmed, then gently pressed into stainless steel tanks, and inoculated with yeast. A small portion of this wine- five percent of the total blend- was transferred to neutral French oak barrels for additional richness and complexity.

Bottling Date: 4/11/2016

Optimal Drinking Window: 2016-2018