



KINGSTON
FAMILY
VINEYARDS
CASABLANCA CHILE

TASTING NOTES



2016 CARIBLANCO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Sauvignon Blanc
PRODUCTION	1450 cases
ALCOHOL	13.5%
RELEASE DATE	March 2017
AGING	French Oak Stainless Steel Barrels
MONTHS IN OAK	5 Months

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

Kingston also collaborates in MOVI, Chile's Movement of Independent Winemakers, whose members make small lots of artisan wines by hand.

Wine critics depict 2016 as a problematic vintage in Chile. A cool, humid growing season created difficult conditions for controlling mildew and botrytis, and sugar accumulation was slow. Yet the quality of the Kingston fruit, especially Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir, was excellent. Perhaps it was the adversity that gave the 2016 wines such character and interest.

Early on we realized the 2016 Sauvignon Blancs were among the most flavorful in the Kingston Family history. Even the juice, before fermentation, showed exceptional flavor, sugar and acid balance.

Our winemaker Amael and I pay special attention to the elevation of Sauvignon Blanc, with a thoughtful, hands-off approach. We use little sulfur, relying more on the naturally low pH and high acidity to keep the wines fresh. The 2016 Cariblanco is the most expressive we've ever made. Citrus, flowers and a touch of herbs define the aromatics; on the palate it is densely flavored with a saline note that gives great energy and presence. Simply put, it is mighty tasty!

- Byron Kosuge, Consulting Winemaker

