

1997 Sauvignon Blanc

Peterson Vineyard
Sonoma Valley

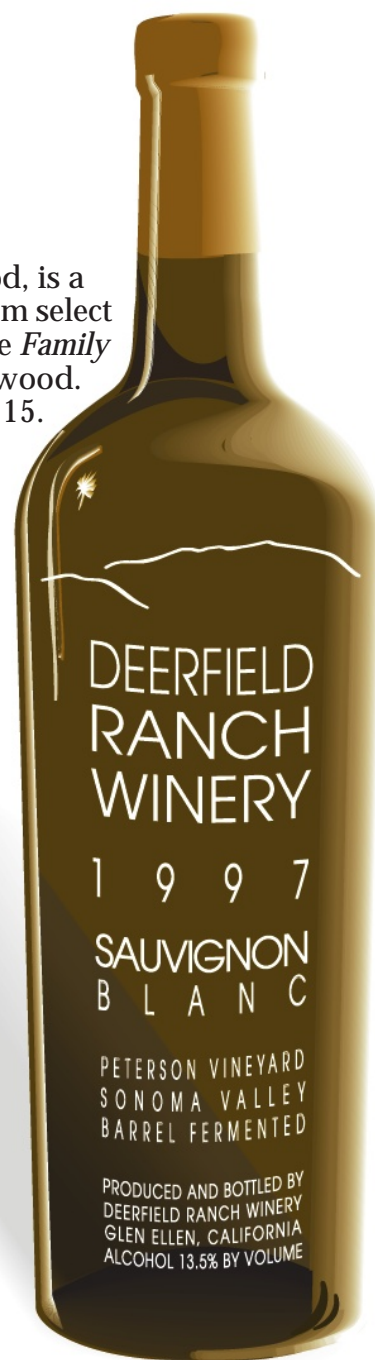
Deerfield Ranch Winery, in the heart of Sonoma Valley at Kenwood, is a 4000-case winery, specializing in small lots of handmade wines from select vineyards of the California North Coast. Visitors sample our wines at the *Family Wineries of Sonoma Valley Tasting Room* on Sonoma Highway in Kenwood. Find us on the Web at www.deerfieldranch.com, or call 707 833-5215.

Winemaking Technique: Our 100% Sauvignon Blanc is from the Peterson Vineyard in Kenwood. A moderate summer with cool nights, brought tropical fruit flavors to the forefront (hints of pear & pineapple). Fermentation entirely in neutral, French oak barrels, produced a rounder, less herbal SB than by using of steel tanks, the usual technique. A combination of three yeasts added distinct characteristics from each to the blend. Malo-lactic fermentation was allowed to proceed halfway, which added mouth feel, fullness, additional layers of complexity and a longer finish. We produced 400 cases.

Tasting Notes: The nose is full and rich with hints of mango and citrus. The taste is smooth in front with layers of tropical fruit, pears, pineapple and just a hint of grapefruit. The overall sensation is mellow and smooth with a mild herb finish. It has none of the wet grass character of steel-fermented SB. Chardonnay lovers and those who don't usually favor SB, will really appreciate this wine. Enjoy it by itself, with white meat, seafood or vegetarian fare.

Harvest & Winemaking Data:

Winemaker:	Robert Rex
Harvested:	By hand, August 31, 1997
Brix at Harvest:	22.5
Acid at Harvest	.766g/100ml as Tartaric
pH	3.18
Pressing:	Hand-sorted & whole-cluster pressed at very low pressure
Yeast:	Eperney, Assemhausen, & Chanson
Fermentation:	Neutral French Oak barrels
Max Fermentation Temp:	53
Malo/Lactic Conversion:	50%
Fining:	none
Filtered:	Sterile bottled to remove malo-lactic bacteria
SO ₂ at Bottling:	12 ppm
Bottled:	398 cases - June 25, 1998
Released:	September 1998
Awards & Reviews:	Gold medal: New World International Wine Competition 90 points: The Wine Enthusiast



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