

BALBOA

2017 WHITE MITH

Tasting Notes

Lively and full bodied with aromas of Asian pear, gardenia, honeysuckle, golden apple and jasmine. Notes of ripe peach and white pear lead into ripe stone fruits with balanced acidity and lingering minerality.

Production Notes

A classic combination of white Rhone varietals, the 2017 White Mith incorporates our traditional Roussanne and Viognier with Marsanne and Grenache Blanc. The only white wine we produce exclusively with Walla Walla Valley fruit.

Vineyards

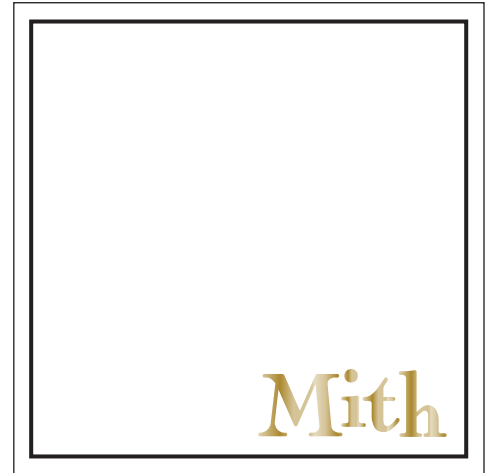
- Blue Mountain Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley
- Seven Hills Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley
- Summit View Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley

Winemaking

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Picked early in the morning
- Whole cluster pressed to stainless steel to settle out solids
- Fermentation took place in neutral French Oak barrels
- Partial malolactic fermentation prior to blending
- The wine was aged sur lie for 6 months
- Cross-flow filtration prior to bottling

Vintage

- 2017 was overall a moderate year delaying harvest by about a week
- The vintage started with a cool, wet spring with bud break occurring in early April. Bloom occurred in early June catching up with the long-term averages
- August temperatures were slightly warmer than average increasing fruit maturation with cooler nights to retain natural acids
- Harvest started on September 13th lasting through the end of October



Wine Data

Appellation.....Walla Walla Valley
VarietalWhite Rhone Blend
Composition35% Roussanne
..... 33% Viognier
..... 17% Grenache Blanc
..... 15% Marsanne
Vineyards Blue Mountain Vineyard
..... Seven Hills Vineyard
..... Summit View Vineyard
Vintage 2017

Technical Notes

pH3.62
Total Acidity 7.0 g/L
Alcohol..... 14.1%
Harvest Date..... Sept 13 - Oct 9, 2017
Bottling DateFebruary 22, 2018
Production 370 cases