

# KIVEL STADT CELLARS

## **2015 Family Secret – Sauvignon Blanc**

**AVA:** Sonoma Valley

**Varietal:** Sauvignon Blanc - Clone 7

**Case production:** 368

**Bottling date:** February 2016

**pH:** 3.14

**TA:** 7.1

**Alc:** 13.1%

**Malo:** 3 barrels native malo -15%

### **Winemaker's notes**

A different take on domestic Sauvignon Blanc, these grapes are harvested earlier than most. This was a particularly early year and the grapes retained great acidity. The juice is fermented in 50% neutral French oak barrels and 50% stainless steel tank. The wine in the barrel is left on the lees and stirred once/month before blending with the wine in stainless, filtering and bottling.

### **Vineyard Source**

Indian Springs Ranch is located in Kenwood about 5 miles away from our estate vineyard. Its rolling hills have been sustainably farmed since the 80s when the ranch was originally planted with vines. It is on an alluvial fan giving our steep block of Sauvignon Blanc distinct minerality and complex flavors. It crops out to about 2.5 tons/acre underscoring the MacLeod family's commitment to quality. We've been working with this Sauvignon Blanc since 2010, it was the first white we ever made and we have never looked back.