



## 2015 SANTA MARIA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC

### *Wine Review Online*

**“I have been impressed by the Chardonnay coming from Presqu’île and now see that they do equally well with Sauvignon Blanc.** This one, from their vineyard in Santa Maria Valley, is, **in a word, balanced.**

Pleasantly herbal, as opposed to grassy, there’s an ever so slight roundness to its texture, as though the coarse edges of Sauvignon Blanc have been sanded. Still, it delivers the attractive bite of that varietal. The wine is just not aggressive, nor does it scream. It would be an ideal choice for grilled swordfish.” **92 Points**

-Michael Apstein, August 2016

### *Wine Enthusiast*

“Light, clean and fresh on the nose, this bottling from a rather extremely sited vineyard on the western end of the appellation shows cut lawn, lemongrass, squeezed lime and wet concrete on the nose. The palate is zesty and sour at first, but a honeydew element warms it up nicely.” **91 Points: Excellent; Highly recommended**

-Matt Kettmann, October 2016

### *Vinography*

“This week included a couple of wines from **some favorite producers** down in Santa Barbara County. **If you're a fan of Sauvignon Blanc, Presqu'île's rendition is one of the best made in the state.**”

#### **2015 Presqu’île Santa Maria Valley Sauvignon Blanc**

“Palest greenish gold in the glass, this wine smells of kiwi and green apple. In the mouth, kiwi and green apple flavors have a charming aromatic sweetness at the front of the palate and a searing tart citric acid zing at the end of the palate. Delicious and fantastically refreshing.” **Between 9 and 9.5 out of 10 Points**

-Alder Yarrow, May 2016

### *Wine Review Online*

“Very light color doesn't necessarily mean that you should expect weak aroma or flavor, as this wine proves out. **Winemaker Dieter Cronje continues to show a talent for understated elegance,** with this bottle showing soft aromas and flavors of melon, grass, leaf and meyer lemon, delivered on a crisp and creamy palate that finishes clean and long, with intensifying flavors. It makes a great summer sipper, or pair it with just about any white seafood.” **91 Points**

-Rich Cook, July 2016

### *IntoWine*

**“50 California Central Coast Wines You Should Be Drinking Right Now”**

#### **2015 Presqu’île Santa Maria Valley Sauvignon Blanc**

“So you take 100% Sauvignon Blanc from a fairly cool region of Santa Barbara, age it out in a mix of concrete egg, stainless steel and neutral oak and you get this: a bright, clean wine with grapefruit and lemon-lime, green apple and mildly tart cream cheese along with a palpable viscosity, focused acidity and lengthy finish. It’s classic Santa Barbara with a twist.”

-Michael Cervin, July 2016

*D Magazine*

**2015 Presqu'ile Santa Maria Valley Sauvignon Blanc**

“A mix of techniques produces **a delicate, luscious Sauvignon Blanc for Presqu'ile Winery**. Using 6 different clones of the variety, grown in cool climate vineyards of Santa Maria Valley in California's Central Coast, the native yeast fermented wine in a mix of concrete egg, stainless steel and neutral oak barrels, with 7 months aging on the lees, the rich, textured wine is **refined, interesting and delicious.**”

-Hayley Hamilton Cogill, September 2016

*Santa Barbara News-Press*

**“Presqu'ile: From the ground up”**

“When the Murphys, a Louisiana-based farming family, started looking around the West Coast for the ideal spot for growing world-class pinot noir, the Santa Maria Valley ended up in their bull's-eye. Presqu'ile (Creole for ‘almost an island’), is an unqualified success. The grapes tend to be picked earlier, resulting in lower alcohols, which, in turn, means better and more enjoyable drinkability. Now with a proven track record, Presqu'ile just may be **the template for future Santa Barbara County wine growing and winemaking.**”

**2015 Presqu'ile Santa Maria Valley Sauvignon Blanc**

“Fresh lime and lemon drop on the nose along with a dose of tangerine. You can just sense, from a single sniff, that textural qualities will inform the mouthfeel. A certain grassiness is evident on the palate, as well as a limeade/margarita sensibility with a touch of green bell pepper. Richly textured, it tickles the tongue with its complexities. Grassy, citrusy and spicy; what's not to like? Angular on the finish. A great match to vegetarian dishes, especially if the flavors are bold and heightened. This wine will meet that head-on.”

-Dennis Schaefer, August 2016

*Vinous*

**“Proprietor Matt Murphy and his family have been absolutely relentless in their total pursuit of excellence. Presqu'ile is an estate to keep an eye on.”**

**2015 Presqu'ile Santa Maria Valley Sauvignon Blanc**

“The 2015 Sauvignon Blanc is **very pretty**. The warm vintage has resulted in a slightly riper style than in the past. There is plenty of varietal character as well as mid-palate depth. Hints of dried pear, sage and flowers give the 2015 its distinctly savory personality.” **88 Points: Excellent. A strong wine with true character that provides highly enjoyable drinking. This is the sweet spot for values and everyday wines that won't break the bank**

-Antonio Galloni, September 2016

*Wine Review Online*

“A very well-made Sauvignon Blanc, with melon rather than citrus flavors that linger well after you take a sip. Sauce vierge seems to prefer this sort of Sauvignon rather than one in a grapefruit or herbaceous style.”

-Paul Lukacs and Marguerite Thomas, June 2016

## 2014 SANTA MARIA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC

*Wine Review Online*

**“This sauvignon from Santa Maria Valley has a little something for just about any sauvignon aficionado.** The nose offers up some good old New Zealand-style mown grass and gooseberry. There is a bit of the red citrus found in France's sauvignons from the Loire Valley. And a hint of grapefruit that is one of the signature aromas of Russian River Valley sauvignon. Well balanced and fruity, yet with a slight wet-stone minerality that keeps it edgy.” **92 Points**

-Robert Whitley, January 2016

### ***Wine Review Online***

“An area known for its success with Burgundian varieties brings us this complex Sauvignon Blanc that features melon, grapefruit, dusty minerality, and honey aromas. Lively and crisp on the palate, it delivers the nose well and finishes with mild grassy notes. **A little something for fans of what the grape can do in different locales – all in one bottle!” 92 Points**

-Rich Cook, January 2016

### ***Wine Review Online***

“This charmer has a soft, feathery texture juxtaposed against a squeeze of oh-so-fresh fruit and just the right jingle-jangle of acidity. It’s a combination that awakens the urge for conversation, for pleasurable reflection, for another glass of wine, and certainly for food! So let’s talk about the food. I had this Sauvignon Blanc not long ago with a voluptuous, creamy shrimp pasta, where the wine’s balanced acidity cut through and enhanced the richness of the food beautifully. More recently it accompanied a simple vegetable stir-fry (mushrooms, onion, broccolini, plenty of soy sauce and a flash of hot pepper), which was a terrific pairing. And (sssh, don’t tell the experts), only a few hours ago it blew my mind chasing a chunk of Stilton. Okay, it’s not going to replace Port or Madeira, but when you’re feeling a little crazy, or overfed, you too might want to try it with a good blue cheese as a juicy, lightly fruity, delectably balanced alternative to tradition.” **91 Points**

-Marguerite Thomas, January 2017

### ***Wine Enthusiast***

“The unique nose of this wine shows crystalline lime candy and nectarine flesh, along with a sharper yet plush tangerine blossom aroma. The palate plays the cut-grass note with pride, offering bell pepper, jalapeño, green peppercorn and kaffir lime flavors, sewn together with a tightly wound acidity.”

**91 Points: Excellent, Highly recommended**

-Matt Kettmann, May 2016

### ***Wine Review Online***

#### **“The Expression of a Place”**

“Presqu’ile (pronounced press-KEEL) is a fairly new winery in the Santa Maria Valley that I had not been familiar with until I tasted through its current releases. Run by two generations of the Murphy family, the operation features a 73-acre vineyard estate just 16 miles from the Pacific Ocean, at altitudes from 700 to 1000 feet. The transverse mountain ranges that border the Santa Maria Valley carry cool maritime weather inward and enable the Murphys’ goal of growing cool-climate Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc... **the wines show a beautiful combination of subtlety, textural richness, flavor complexity and unmistakable varietal character.**

The **2014 Sauvignon Blanc** - entirely from the same vineyard but not labeled with a vineyard designation - is quite similar in style to the vineyard-designated Chardonnay. Substitute grapefruit, melon and herbal notes as aroma/flavor descriptors, take the body down a notch and the flavor intensity up a notch, but keep the dryness, the creamy texture, the rich finish and the aura of subtlety. **It is truly Sauvignon Blanc but somehow more than just Sauvignon Blanc.** The Sauvignon Blanc was vinified in a combination of concrete eggs (35 percent of the juice), neutral French oak (28 percent) and stainless steel (37 percent), with significant lees contact that can account for some of the wine’s subtlety... I rate these four wines with **scores from 90 to 92.**”

-Mary Ewing-Mulligan, December 2015

### ***The Press Democrat***

#### **“Wines of the Week”**

“A crisp sauvignon blanc with **great balance.** Bright acidity with notes of grapefruit and lime. Refreshing.”

-Peg Melnik, January 2016

### *The Daily Meal*

#### **“Presqu’ile Winery Impresses with Distinctive Santa Barbara Wines”**

#### **“Thrilling Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and more for your taste buds”**

“In the world of wine, it’s always a thrill to discover an innovative producer who creates exciting wines. Such is the case for me with Presqu’ile Winery. I found the wines to be worth noting for anyone who loves well-made examples of those grapes. Each wine is distinct while sharing similar characteristics. The wines are loaded with typicity that speaks of the variety in question. **There’s a sense of place in these wines** that screams of the cooler climate in which they’re grown. And more than anything else, **each wine has remarkable texture and impressive mouthfeel** that ties the grapes together like an invisible connective tissue. The next time I’m anywhere near the winery, I’ll make a beeline for Presqu’ile. In the meantime, I’ll keep drinking its beautiful wines; you should too!”

#### **2014 Presqu’ile Santa Maria Valley Sauvignon Blanc**

“This offering was produced entirely from estate fruit. It was aged in a combination of concrete egg (35 percent), neutral oak (28 percent) and stainless steel (37 percent). Peach, lemon zest and wisps of vanilla bean lead a stunning array of aromas here. Honeydew, papaya, citrus and stone fruits are all present throughout the layered palate. Minerals, bits of sage and copious spice characteristics are evident on the lengthy finish. **This unique and stunning sauvignon blanc is an absolute steal for \$22.**”

-Gabe Sasso, April 2016

### *San Francisco Magazine*

#### **“Top Wine Caves to Beat the Summer Heat”**

“From Napa to Santa Maria, here are the best spots to hide from the sun and sip the day away. This roster of wineries will please your palate.”

#### **Presqu’ile Winery**

“Presqu’ile Winery is the only winery in Santa Maria Valley with wine caves open to the public. Go for tours of the caves and refreshing wines of great value.”

#### **Top summer wine pick: 2014 Presqu’ile Sauvignon Blanc**

-Jan White, August 2015

## **2013 SANTA MARIA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC**

### *Wine Enthusiast*

**“The extremely cool-climate Presqu’ile Vineyard delivers an exciting wine**, with herb-bomb nose aromas of oregano, thyme, grass and rosemary, with a bit of green apple fruit on the background. There is peppery verve to the palate, where the wine bounces off the tongue with flavors of lime zest, Granny Smith apple and cut grass. It’s almost spicy.” **92 Points: Excellent; Highly recommended**

-Matt Kettmann, April 2015

### *Wine Enthusiast*

#### **“Sauvignon Blanc Gets Serious”**

“As the Sauv Blancs kept coming, my mind and taste buds opened I found a wide range of flavors and styles, from tropical notes of guava (often founded in warmer climes, such as Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara) to the zesty spice of white pepper (more typical of cooler sites, like **Presqu’ile Vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley**). I started to enjoy both extremes, one being silky and rich, the other crisp and fresh, and found appreciation in bottlings that deftly offered elements of each.”

#### **2013 Presqu’ile Santa Maria Valley Sauvignon Blanc**

**“Then we tried the 2013 Presqu’ile Vineyard, which I already considered one of the most memorable white wines I’ve ever tasted.** At 12.2%, it’s as green as can be, but I love the spicy white pepper and tremendous energy—it’s the perfect symbol of my complete reversal on how I feel about Sauv Blanc. ‘You can drive from Happy Canyon to Presqu’ile in about 20 minutes,’ said Storm of how vast the Sauv Blanc universe can be in Santa Barbara County alone. ‘But the wines are completely different.’”

-Matt Kettmann, July 2015

### *Wine Advocate*

“Looking first at the whites, the 2013 Sauvignon Blanc Santa Maria Valley is a beautiful effort that offers steely, racy notes of citrus blossom, lime and distinct minerality in its clean, crisp style. It’s **outstanding and well-worth seeking out.**” **90 Points: An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character. In short, these are terrific wines**

-Jeb Dunnuck, August 2014

### *Vinous*

“Bright yellow. High-pitched citrus and orchard fruit aromas are complicated by white flowers, pungent herbs and chalky minerals. Dry and nervy on the palate, offering lively Meyer lemon and pear flavors and a hint of bitter quinine. Closes spicy and long, with an echo of fresh citrus fruits and very good clarity.” **90 Points: Outstanding. A wine of remarkable personality and breed that is well worth seeking out**

-Josh Reynolds, December 2014

### *Restaurant Wine*

“Wines & Wineries to Watch”

“**An excellent Sauvignon:** supple, full bodied, and well balanced; a wine with distinct character (lemon grass, pineapple, peach, lime), a hint of oakiness, and a very long, crisp finish. **Great value.**” **4+ Stars: Excellent quality for its type, style, and price. Among the very best of its type for its price. Highly recommended**

-Ronn Wiegand, August 2015