



**2016 Sémillon
Lakota's View - Alta Ridge Vineyard
Sonoma Mountain**

The 2016 Sémillon from our tiny block on Sonoma Mountain is full of power this year. Fresh summer peach and lime on the nose along with cool mineral notes. Layers of wound up texture which develop in the glass with air. Bright and energetic on the palate showing flavors of chilled stone fruits, pear and young spring herbs. The finish is juicy with lingering length. This is our 3rd release of Sémillon from this very special place.

This is such a sentimental wine for Smith Story Wine Cellars. As we drove onto this vineyard for the first time chills ran down our arms and our memories were filled with "Lakota's View". The view directly east from the Sémillon rows looks to a beautiful three-story French Farmhouse nestled high above the valley on Bennett Ridge. This Farmhouse just happens to be owned by our dear friends Bob and Kathy.

In May of 2004 Eric's beloved Golden Retriever, Lakota, spent his last days at the Bellino home, soaking in the golden sunshine and breathtaking views from their wrap-around porch - the porch that faces directly towards the top of Sonoma Mountain and the Alta Ridge Vineyard. Lakota was an exceptionally beautiful golden retriever who was Eric's loyal companion for many years and took part in many adventures. The Lakota's View Sémillon has big paws to fill and we couldn't be more pleased with this gorgeous wine proudly honoring and celebrating Lakota's life.

Picked at 21 Brix and busting with vibrant, natural acidity. With the high elevation and cool breeze, the Sémillon had a nice long time to develop deep and complex flavors while hanging on the vine atop of the Alta Ridge Vineyard where we also harvest Sauvignon Blanc.

Vineyard Location: Sonoma Mountain

Harvest Dates: Hand harvested at sunrise on September 29, 2016 at 21 Brix

Aging: 5 months in neutral Burgundy barrels

Details: pH 3.34; 12.5% Alcohol

Production: 75 cases

SRP: \$40.00

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