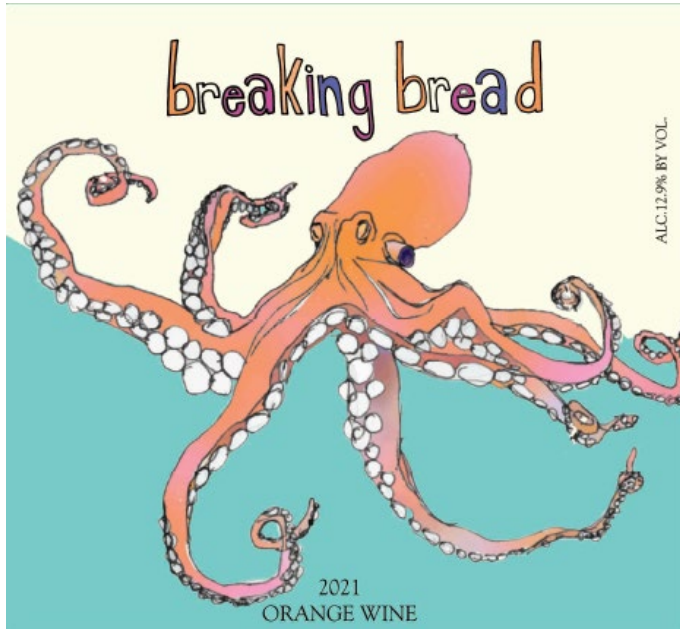


# breaking bread



## 2021 Orange Wine, Muscat Blanc Timber Crest Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Muscat Blanc
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Timber Crest Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Dry Creek Valley
<b>Harvest:</b>	September 2021
<b>Fermentation:</b>	skin contact, 100% barrel fermented in neutral French Oak
<b>Alcohol:</b>	12.9%
<b>Case Production:</b>	225

### Winemaker Notes:

This is the inaugural vintage of a skin-contact white wine for Breaking Bread and is the type of wine that inspired me to start this label. To be able to take risks and play with unique styles of wine and winemaking is the driving force of Breaking Bread. Skin fermented white wines can vary dramatically depending on the varietal used. I have worked with the Timber Crest Muscat Blanc for 10 years, although I have never done a skin contact fermentation with it before. In using this varietal, I knew that the aromatics would be profound, however wanted to ensure that the tannin structure and mouthfeel would be in balance.

This fruit was left on skins for a total of ten days. It was destemmed into the fermenter bin with zero sulfur added and we let the native yeast build up a population, which took about five days. From there we allowed it to go another five days fermenting on skins. Keeping the phenolic nature of Muscat Blanc grape skins in mind, I was cautious about how long to leave on skins and am very happy with the result.

### Vineyard Description:

We have 3/4 of an acre of Muscat Blanc planted on the valley floor of our 120-acre estate property, Timber Crest Vineyard, in Dry Creek Valley. Timber Crest is 100% certified sustainable and the soil composition of this block of vineyard is Cortina gravel.

### Tasting Notes:

The floral aromatics of this wine are spring on steroids. There is honeysuckle, lilac, and jasmine with a whisper of candied lemon peel on the nose. On the palate, there is a salty minerality and a savory cantaloupe quality. This bright and textural dry wine has a delightful lingering finish that will pair beautifully with spicy or ethnic foods that other wines can't stand up to.