

MUSCAT OTTONEL

ORIGIN

Muscat is a white grape that is part of the Muscat family and is a *Vitis vinifera* variety. The grape originated in France in the 1800's as a cross of Chasselas and Muscat Ingram.

VITICULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

Muscat Ottonel is more resilient to cold than any other members of the Muscat family, which are more likely to be grown in Mediterranean climates. Muscat Ottonel grapes are fairly large in size and are white in colour.

COMMON WINE STYLES

The wine boasts immense aromas of orange peel, acacia flower, violet and Muscat. The taste is delicate and balanced with notes of honey of exotic background. Muscat Ottonel can be aromatic, but can have low acidity – this can create a challenge when picking, as most vineyards will harvest the grape slightly underripe, sacrificing some aromatic complexity for balance. If left too long on the vine, Muscat Ottonel will make a flabby, unbalanced wine.

PLANTERS RIDGE PRODUCTS

Muscat Ottonel is grown on our Basalt Ridge property, and is a component of our Elevation Frizzante-style wine.