

Dolce di Moscato

Grapes and vineyards.

Valvin Muscat 70% (Hunt Country Vineyards) Vignoles 30% (Hunt Country Vineyards)





Accolades (as of August 2013).

- Double Gold Medal (judges unanimous), 2013 San Francisco International Wine Competition
- Best of Class & Gold Medal, Aromatic White Blends, 2013 Riverside (Calif.) Int'l Wine Competition
- 94 Rating (Exceptional Wine) and Best Buy, 2013 Wine World Championships (tastings.com)
- Best of Class and Concordance Gold Medal (Double Gold equivalent), White French-American Blends, 2012 Indy International Wine Competition
- Medal of American Excellence (Gold), 2012 Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

Comments by winemaker Jonathan Hunt.

In the fall of 2011, after pressing and fermenting our *Valvin Muscat* grapes, I tasted the still unfinished wine. It struck me that by blending this wine's vibrant floral notes with a rich fruity wine, we might be able to produce a delicious summer wine reminiscent of the sweet Italian Moscatos, but with a distinctive Finger Lakes character.

My wife Caroline and I experimented with blends and discovered that the lively fruit flavors of our *Vignoles* make the perfect partner for the *Valvin Muscat's* floral notes. And unlike many Moscatos, which tend to have low alcohol and high sugar content, we feel that the normal range of 11-13% alcohol and moderate sweetness provide a stronger backbone and enhance the balance of the wine.

It was Caroline who proposed the name Dolce di Moscato, meaning roughly in Italian "a dessert of Moscato"! Dolce di Moscato is a perfect summer wine, light, lively and fruity – great for relaxing with friends, as an aperitif, or paired with spicy dishes. Serve chilled.

We hope you enjoy it ... cheers!