

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2017 Reserve Selection Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietals: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Alcohol: 14.5% by vol.

pH: 3.34

TA: 6.7 g/L

In the Vineyard

Our Reserve Selection Sauvignon Blanc grapes come from our two estate vineyards in two main areas within the Napa Valley - the southeastern portion of the valley on our Jameson Canyon Estate and our Bartolucci Estate Vineyard in St. Helena. The grapes sourced from Jameson Canyon, just east of Carneros, spend afternoons in temperatures warmer than the valley floor, but the mornings and evenings are spent in fog with cool, marine breezes ultimately helping to evenly ripen the grapes. This area is ideal for producing Sauvignon Blanc with crisp, clean mineral flavors with hints of melon. The Bartolucci Vineyard located in St. Helena is a warmer site that provides stone fruit aromatics and adds more weight to the mid palate.

About the Vintage

The 2017 vintage was marked by extreme conditions that reduced crop size, starting with abundant winter rainfall and mild spring weather, which led to vigorous vines. The growing season saw three heat spikes, including one over Labor Day weekend that kicked harvest into high gear. The Sauvignon Blanc was harvested between August 28 and September 7.

Conversations with the Winemaker

After whole cluster pressing the grapes, the juice was fermented in neutral French Oak to balance the bright fruit with a subtle unctuousity. Stirring the lees gives the wine a creamier mid palate. This wine stayed in barrel for only 4 months. This produces a wine with crisp acidity and captures the flinty, citrus aroma and flavor characteristics of this versatile variety.

Wine Profile

Our 2017 Napa Valley Reserve Selection Sauvignon Blanc opens with inviting aromas of key lime and apricot with hints of gooseberry. Caramel and flan flavors mingle with stone fruit notes and are accented with a touch of wet stone offering a slight minerality to balance the creamy mid-palate and crisp acidity.