



## 2018 Reserve Selection Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Alcohol:** 14.5% by vol.

**pH:** 3.33

**TA:** 6.5 g/L

### In the Vineyard

Our Reserve Selection Sauvignon Blanc grapes come from our two estate vineyards 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 good structure and clean mineral flavors. The Bartolucci Vineyard located in St. Helena is a warmer site that provides gooseberry flavors and adds more weight to the mid palate.

### About the Vintage

2018 was a near picture-perfect growing season that began in late February followed by a mild Spring yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained moderate to cool throughout the season with 2018 being considered one of the coolest vintages of the past decade. The cooler temperatures allowed for a longer hangtime resulting in an even and temperate harvest.

### Conversations with the Winemaker

After whole cluster pressing the grapes, the juice was fermented in neutral French Oak to balance the bright fruit. The Sauvignon Blanc was sur lie aged in barrel for four months before being bottled lending a creamy richness to the wine.

### Wine Profile

The wine opens with inviting notes of grapefruit, key lime and a touch of lychee. Flavors of white peach and gooseberry spread across the palate and are accented by caramel. Fresh minerality and bright acid balances the creamy mid-palate in this crisp Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc.