



2014 Estate Collection Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietals: Sauvignon Blanc

Alcohol: 14.5% by vol.

TA: 6.31g/L

pH: 3.30

Fermentation: 100% Stainless Steel
Tanks and Stainless Steel Barrels

Production: 600 Cases

The Estate Collection

The Estate Collection is a series of limited-production wines available only at the Raymond Estate. Sourced from our finest estate vineyards and longtime vineyard partners, each wine represents our winemaking team's commitment to crafting wines worthy of our five generation winemaking legacy in Napa Valley.

In the Vineyard

The grapes for our Estate Collection Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc are grown in two vineyards – our estate vineyard in Jameson Canyon and a vineyard in the Oak Knoll District along Big Ranch Road. 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 vineyard in the Oak Knoll AVA thrives in the moderate and cool temperatures for which the region is recognized. The alluvial soil of the vineyard is comprised of loamy top soil which gives the way to rocky subsoil.

Conversations With The Winemakers

After harvest, a small amount of grapes maintain skin contact for 24 hours to add flavor and flesh into the finished wine. The grapes are then whole cluster pressed, and the juice is fermented in a combination of stainless steel tanks and stainless steel barrels with a mix of native and inoculated fermentation. The wine is aged for 6 months to provide complexity while preserving the delicate nature of the varietal.

Wine Profile

The 2014 Estate Collection Sauvignon Blanc opens with bright ruby red grapefruit and melon aromas with light notes of lychee nut and peach fuzz. This wine begins with vibrant acidity, a complex and creamy mid-palate, and a bright crisp finish with refreshing flavors of honeydew melon, grapefruit, and lemon thyme.