



## 2016 Estate Collection Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Varietals:** Sauvignon Blanc

**Alcohol:** 14.5% by vol.

**TA:** 7.3g/L

**pH:** 3.27

**Fermentation:** 100% Barrel Fermented,  
23% in new French Oak (Seguin  
Moreau)

**Production:** 172 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 Carneros mostly on clay loam soils.. The grapes sourced from the steep hillsides in 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.

### Conversations With The Winemakers

The grapes were harvested between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September. The grapes are then whole cluster pressed, and the juice is fermented in French oak barrels. The barrel fermentation enhances mouthfeel while maintaining a nice acidity. The wine is aged for 4 months sur lie to provide complexity while preserving the delicate nature of the varietal before bottling.

### Wine Profile

Our 2016 Estate Collection Sauvignon Blanc opens with delicate aromas of honeysuckle, and ruby red grapefruit followed by notes of white peach and lime. Round and supple flavors of melon melt into a slight minerality and creamy mid-palate with a hint lemon zest on the finish.