

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2018 Estate Collection Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETAL: Sauvignon Blanc

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

TA: 6.3 g/L

PH: 3.34

FERMENTATION: 100% Barrel
Fermented, 12% in new French Oak

PRODUCTION: 281 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 our estate vineyard in Jameson Canyon from a mix of clone 376, musque and clone I. 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. Our vineyard in Jameson Canyon produces grapes with firm acids and structure while our St. Helena vineyard provides grapes with fleshiness and fruit. The two balance and compliment one another perfectly.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKERS

The grapes were harvested on September 11th and 26th. The grapes are whole cluster pressed, and the juice is fermented 100% in French oak barrels. The barrel fermentation enhances mouthfeel while maintaining a nice acidity. The wine is aged for 3 months sur lie to provide complexity while preserving the delicate nature of the varietal before bottling.

WINE PROFILE

From the glass, our 2018 Estate Collection Sauvignon Blanc is bursting with aromas of delicate florals and honeysuckle. On the palate, flavors of citrus, jasmine and subtle notes of spice lead to a full, round mouthfeel. This is a nicely balanced with structure and good acidity on the finish.