



## ESTATE COLLECTION

SAUVIGNON BLANC

**2021**



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** Napa Valley

**VARIETALS:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% by vol.

**PH:** 3.34

**TA:** 6.0 g/L

**AGING:** Neutral French Oak Barrels for 8 months

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2021 was a smooth and uneventful harvest season. June started out warm, followed by a cool and foggy July and August that slowed ripening and caused nice retention of acidity. Even ripening, with no extreme heat events, made for ideal growing conditions. Sparse winter rains resulted in an early budbreak, evenly developed clusters, and smaller berries packed full of flavor. Overall, the fruit was exceptional, making it another amazing year for quality.

### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for our Estate Collection Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc were grown in our estate vineyard in Jameson Canyon. Two blocks were selected, both on gentle sloping hillsides to maximize sun exposure as this is a cooler climate. Afternoon temperatures are warmer than the valley floor, but the mornings and evenings are spent in fog with cool, marine breezes ultimately help 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 WINEMAKER

The grapes were harvested on August 18, 2021 and whole cluster pressed with the juice fermenting in neutral French oak barrels. The barrel fermentation enhances mouthfeel while maintaining a nice acidity. The wine was aged for 8 months sur lie to provide complexity while preserving the delicate nature of the varietal before bottling.

### WINE PROFILE

Our 2021 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc envelops you with fresh, bright aromas of lemon zest and orange blossom. The mouthfeel delights in flavors of grapefruit, lime, ripe melon and a hint of toasted almonds. The finish is well-integrated, lengthy and exotically refreshing.

