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TASTING NOTES  
**2018 SAUVIGNON BLANC**  
**Napa Valley**

Heady floral fragrances of jasmine and honeysuckle add exotic notes to the fruit aromas of guava, green apple, white nectarine and kiwi, nuanced by touches of Kafir lime, lemongrass and marzipan. In the mouth, the fleshy, supple and succulent texture is brightened by fresh acidity, with a lingering minerality prolonging the finish. A blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Sauvignon Musque and Semillon, the wine is intense, bright, creamy and gorgeous.

Notes winemaker Françoise Peschon:  
“I love the balance of floral, fruit and minerality – each one displayed in perfect equilibrium.”

## WINEGROWING INFORMATION

2018 in Napa Valley will be remembered as a moderate growing season, a welcome change from some very warm temperatures in previous years, and as a record-breaking vintage in terms of tons crushed. After soaking rains in March and April, fruitful buds and consistent temperatures during bloom in late May resulted in almost perfect fruit set. Summer months were characterized by mild temperatures, and with veraison finishing in July, the full clusters benefitted from long hang times in cool weather, maintain-

ing their freshness and acidity. Our leisurely white grape harvest began on September 4th with Sauvignon Musque and continued with Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, finishing on September 19th. All the grapes were hand-harvested in the cool morning hours and were brought to the winery in perfect condition for whole cluster pressing. The wine was fermented in new and used French oak barrels, concrete eggs and stainless-steel drums, aged sur lie and bottled on June 27, 2019.



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ACCOLADES

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94pts  
vinous

"The 2018 Sauvignon Blanc is a very pretty and expressive wine that captures striking varietal character and textural richness, with pretty tropical overtones from the Sauvignon Musqué clone in the blend. Racy, inviting and flat-out delicious, the 2018 is a real winner. In this vintage, the Sauvignon has a bit more weight and texture while retaining its classic sense of brightness. This is such a gorgeous white."

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, January 2020

93+ pts  
Robert Parker  
WINE ADVOCATE

"The 2018 Sauvignon Blanc strides boldly out of the glass with notes of green apples, white peaches and fresh grapefruit plus hints of wild thyme, lemongrass, honeysuckle and musk perfume. Medium-bodied, the palate has a lovely touch of creaminess to the texture with loads of freshness lifting the intense stone fruit and citrus flavors to a long finish."

Lisa Perotti Brown, Wine Advocate, February 2020