

2017 SAUVIGNON BLANC

SONOMA COUNTY

100% Sauvignon Blanc

ALCOHOL 13.9% | BOTTLING FEBRUARY 2018 | CASE PRODUCTION 9800
AGING 5 MONTHS, 85% STAINLESS STEEL, 15% BARREL FERMENT | WINEMAKER CHRIS LOUTON

VINTAGE

The 2017 growing season started out wet with record-breaking rainfall refreshing our vineyards after several dry years. The mild spring led to timely bud break and good fruit set, followed by ideal conditions of cool mornings and warm, sunny days throughout the summer months. Our first grapes of the season were “blessed” on August 25, officially beginning the St. Francis harvest. A few days of intense heat at the beginning of September sped up ripening throughout the region. Well-timed picks throughout the month meant the majority of fruit was in by the first week of October. Beautiful color, well-defined aromatics and outstanding flavor are all evident in this year’s vintage.

VINEYARDS

Sauvignon Blanc grows well throughout many parts of Sonoma County. We have Sauvignon Blanc planted in our Sonoma Valley Wild Oak Vineyard and our Russian River Valley Lagomarsino Vineyard. We also source fruit from Alexander Valley and Bennett Valley. The warmer areas produce full flavors and aromas while fruit from the cooler areas bring refreshing crispness. These characteristics are thoughtfully blended for a balanced and lively wine.

WINEMAKING

To retain the bright flavors and crisp acidity of this varietal, the grapes were picked at dawn and arrived at the winery cold. The grapes were pressed and a majority of the juice was sent directly to stainless steel tank while a small portion went to barrel for fermentation. The wine was fermented slowly at 55° for over 30 days, preserving the wonderful aromas of Sauvignon Blanc. We prevented malolactic fermentation to preserve the wine’s clean, crisp texture. It was then aged for five months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Beautiful and bright, this Sauvignon Blanc bursts with fresh flavors and aromas of grapefruit and orange blossom with a note of minerality. The wine finishes smooth with a refreshing lift of stone fruit and crisp acidity.

ACCOLADES

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