



## 2017 29 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC



**Composition:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Harvest Date:** August 30 – September 5, 2017

**Barrel Age:** 20 months, 100% new French Oak

**Cooperage:** Saury Immersion, Ermitage BTL

**Bottling Date:** June 6, 2019

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**pH/TA:** 3.18 / 0.67

**Release Date:** Fall 2019

**Cases Produced:** 168

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**THE VINEYARD** Our 29 Estate Vineyard sits on a hillside just at the “pinch” of Napa Valley’s hourglass shape. Excellent airflow provides natural frost protection, while the fertile clay loam soils encourage deeply rooted vines. The small Sauvignon Blanc block is just next to the winery, where a hillside tree line provides cool afternoon shade, giving this wine its signature richness and complexity.

**THE VINTAGE** The winter of 2016 / 2017 was the wettest in many years, causing the Napa River to reach flood levels and some vineyards to become temporary lakes. By the time of bud break in the early Spring, some parts of Napa Valley had reached over 50” of rain. The Spring of 2017 was beautiful and moderate followed by a freak hail storm in mid-June which caused some damage to mostly mountain vineyards. Veraison was about a week late, but an exceptionally hot August quickened the ripening curve. During the last week of August some areas reached as high as 115F. Another heat spike came during the first week of September, which kicked the Cabernet harvest into gear for most of the early ripening sites. The evening of October 8<sup>th</sup> was one of the windiest, driest on record resulting in unprecedented wildfires that raged in the hills and into the fringes of the valley floor.

**THE WINE** Expressive white floral and citrus aromas accompanied by hints of all-spice and vanilla. Meyer lemon, wet stone, and a slight crème brûlée like toffee nuance bring complex layers to this concentrated, serious white wine. A slight oily texture, rich and pure, with bright acidity and a firm, structured finish that carries and lingers on the palate. This beauty can be enjoyed upon release but will also age gracefully for well over a decade.