



## 2018 29 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC



**Composition:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Harvest Date:** September 5 – September 10, 2018

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

**Cooperage:** Saury Immersion, Ermitage BTL

**Bottling Date:** June 1, 2020

**Alcohol:** 14.3%

**pH/TA:** 3.21 / 6.46

**Release Date:** Fall 2020

**Cases Produced:** 177

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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 2018 growing season began with a mild, beautiful Spring which extended flowering and provided ideal conditions for berry set, thus yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures were warm and steady throughout the summer, with very few heat spikes or dry wind patterns which were quite impactful during the 2017 growing season. The 2018 harvest began approximately two weeks later than the previous few vintages and it continued until the end of October. There was a minor rain event on October 2nd and 3rd but it did not negatively impact grape quality. It simply provided a break in the harvest as we allowed for a few dry out days before resuming the harvest. This long, drawn out, bountiful harvest yielded beautiful, dense, concentrated wines with intense color and a unique freshness to them.

**THE WINE** Intriguing and lifted aromatics of orange blossom, honeysuckle and lemon oil, with hints of vanilla and all spice. White nectarine, roasted pineapple and Meyer lemon fruits are accompanied by nuances of mint and wet river rock. Vibrant and fresh with tremendous richness and texture along with a firm acid backbone and long, drawn out finish. Incredible purity and depth, with more upfront fruit than the classic white Bordeaux, this estate grown, produced and bottled Sauvignon Blanc is drinking incredibly upon release and will age impeccably for well over a decade.