

## **2019** 29 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC



Composition: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Harvest Date:** September 3 – September 17, 2019

Barrel Age: 20 months, 100% new French oak

Cooperage: Saury Immersion, Ermitage BTL

Bottling Date: June 10, 2020

**Alcohol:** 14.6%

**pH/TA:** 3.21 / 6.46

Release Date: Fall 2021

Cases Produced: 159

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 2019 vintage was spectacular from start to finish. Some areas of Napa Valley recorded as much as 40–50 inches of much needed rain over the winter. The wet soils delayed budbreak and additional April rains provided a fully saturated environment for the vines. Spring weather was mild and ideal for fruit set and the summer of 2019 was phenomenal, for both the vines and the vineyard workers. Very few heat spikes and a long, drawn out growing season provided excellent, uniform ripening across all varietals.

THE WINE Within seconds, the 2019 Estate Blanc unfolds to reveal a fresh bouquet of white flowers and warm lemon meringue backed by a hint of all spice. The palate fleshes out with ripe white stone fruits—white peach and nectarine layering with underlaying notes of sandalwood and teak. Great acid adds impressive longevity and precision. Though fresh and lively upon release, this wine will continue to evolve and blossom for well over a decade.