



2020 CRU SAUVIGNON BLANC



Harvest Dates: August 20 – September 3, 2020

Barrel Age: 11 months, 30% new French Oak,

Cooperage: Saury Immersion, Ermitage Steam Bent,
Orion Neptune, Quintessance Opaline

Bottling Date: August 11, 2021

Alcohol: 14.2%

Release Date: Fall 2021

Cases Produced: 584

Retail Price: \$35 - 750ml

THE VINEYARD “Wine is made in the vineyard” serves as the philosophy for Keith Emerson, Director of Winemaking at Vineyard 29, and is the guiding principle behind our CRU wines. From site selection to crop yield to harvest planning, each farming decision is made with the final blend in mind. Keith’s deliberate and detail-oriented winemaking results in elegantly composed wines that depict the best of Napa Valley.

THE VINTAGE As a result of the dry and temperate winter, the 2020 bud-break began a few weeks earlier than average. Spring did not bring much relief for growers in terms of water supply and irrigations were started early and continued frequently throughout the growing season. The vintage will forever be remembered by the August 14th extreme heat wave followed by an unprecedented round of over 11,000 lightning strikes across Northern California over a 36 hour period. The rest of the growing season and resulting harvest was more like an action packed movie than grape growing or winemaking. We came together as a team, however, and worked extremely hard, at times in dangerous circumstances, to produce a portfolio of beautiful, well-balanced, meticulously-crafted 2020 Vineyard 29 wines.

THE WINE Immediately inviting, the 2020 Vineyard 29 CRU Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc opens with lively notes of passion fruit and Meyer lemon. Depth is added with layers of vanilla, all-spice, delicate white flowers and deeply fragrant orange blossoms. Kafir lime and rich lemon curd shape a palate that is both refreshing and salivating with impeccably balanced acidity and creamy texture. Barrel aging and lees stirring add weight to the mid-palate and generously contribute to a long, drawn out finish.