



## 2020 29 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC



**Composition:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Harvest Date:** August 26 – September 3, 2020

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

**Cooperage:** Saury Immersion, Ermitage BTL

**Bottling Date:** June 28, 2022

**Alcohol:** 14.3%

**pH/TA:** 3.25 / 0.64

**Release Date:** Fall 2022

**Cases Produced:** 115

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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** 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** Enticing white floral, orange blossom aromas with white nectarine, wet stone, and hints of guava. Fresh and lively throughout, with ample concentration and richness, the 2020 '29 Estate' Sauvignon Blanc has a Meyer lemon, stone fruit profile with a tropical note and crème brûlée-like texture. Juicy and vibrant, with intense flavors and ideal acid structure, this limited production estate Sauvignon has the legs to age beautifully for many years to come.