



## 2021 29 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC



**Composition:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Harvest Date:** August 17 – September 2, 2021

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

**Cooperage:** Saury Immersion, Ermitage BTL

**Bottling Date:** June 5, 2023

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**pH/TA:** 3.23 / 0.69

**Release Date:** October 1, 2023

**Cases Produced:** 264

**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 2021 growing season began a week or two later than the 2020 season due to a colder than average February and March. A few spring showers helped the vines but the overall dry winter led to slow shoot growth and smaller than average shoots in most cases around the valley. Thankfully, those who started their irrigation program early, April in the case of Vineyard 29 and Aida Estate, were able to convince the shoots to grow to adequate length so that each shoot could ripen its clusters evenly and optimally. Early season frosts were common in the coldest parts of the valley, thus decreasing overall yields come harvest time. The summer growing season was exceptionally good. The consistent weather, beautiful skies and ideal ripening conditions aided in a slow and steady sugar accumulation period alongside excellent tannin development. Harvest was smooth and steady and while yields were lower than average, the grapes were concentrated and flavorful and the resulting wines are stunning. A truly exceptional vintage.

**THE WINE** The 2021 Sauvignon Blanc is beautifully expressive right out of the gate with fragrant orange blossoms, juicy Meyer lemon and a slight hint of fennel. Gentle swirling invites palate notes of mandarin, white nectarine and the crisp top of a creme brûlée. As with previous vintages, this wine strikes the perfect balance of fresh, bright acidity and a weighty, concentrated mid-palate. The 2021 ‘29 Estate’ Blanc packs a beautiful punch with tremendous layers, richness and firm structure all leading to a long, honeysuckle laced finish.