



Patriarch Bob MacDonnell spent many summers as a child relaxing and camping at West Point's recreation area in New York. Named Round Pond, this source of idyllic youthful memories became the inspiration for our family's Napa Valley home and winery. Today, we are honored to make this Estate Sauvignon Blanc in honor of Dad.

ACCOLADES

2023 VINTAGE: **93 PTS** THE TASTING PANEL, **92 PTS** JAMES SUCKLING, **92 PTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST, **91 PTS** WINE SPECTATOR

2022 VINTAGE: **91 PTS** JAMES SUCKLING, **90 PTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

2021 VINTAGE: **92 PTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

2020 VINTAGE: **93 PTS** THE TASTING PANEL, **91 PTS** WINE SPECTATOR, **91 PTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

WINEMAKING NOTES

This wine is focused on purity of fruit; it is a flip book of the varietal as it ripens on our Rutherford estate. We capture different snapshots of the grape's character by making multiple picking passes during harvest. For textural and aromatic depth, grapes are harvested by hand at various ripeness levels and gently pressed as whole clusters at low pressures. The first pick captures the naturally bright acidity and citrus flavors, while the second pick is considered optimal ripeness highlighting the varietal, and the last pick is the ripest bringing tropical notes. Fermentations are slow and cool enhancing aromatic concentration and a bright palate. All of this helps us achieve our mission to highlight the freshness of the grapes' aromas and preserve a crisp clean mouthfeel.

TASTING NOTES

This Sauvignon Blanc offers incredible tropical notes of guava, passion fruit, and mango upon first swirl. Hints of lemon zest, citrus blossom and honeydew melon balance out the nose, enticing the palate. Juicy, concentrated flavors of white peach and lychee are complemented with a touch of citrus. Rich and round, this wine's crisp acidity leaves a fresh, clean finish with lingering fruit notes making this a wine you'll reach for sip after sip.

VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

The 2023 vintage marked the end of our three-year drought, bringing nearly 30" of rainfall that contributed to the revitalization of our soil profiles and fostering robust canopy growth. The vintage was one of the mildest in the last 10 years which provided a long hangtime, allowing full flavor development leading to very expressive flavors and aromas. As soon as the fruit set after flowering, extensive hand work began in the vineyard opening the canopy to allow for full sun exposure on the fruit. This leads to full, concentrated flavor and ensures the fruit is as expressive as possible. The 2023 vintage will be one for the ages and we feel these wines truly capture the exceptional year.

WINEMAKER: Jeff Plant

CONSULTING WINEMAKER: Thomas Rivers Brown

VARIETALS: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

FERMENTATION: 5 months, 100% stainless steel

RELEASE DATE: January 2024

SRP: \$30.00



2023 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC