

PRIEST RANCH

## 2018 SAUVIGNON BLANC

### APPELLATION & VINEYARDS

The historic Priest Ranch is now part of the Somerston Estate, a significant property totaling 1,615 acres with 215 acres planted to hillside vineyards. The wines of Priest Ranch are blends from multiple blocks that showcase the diversity and complexity of the combined property. The 2018 vintage of our Priest Ranch Sauvignon Block has fruit from blocks 71, 81 and 124.

### WINEMAKING

Our Sauvignon Blanc was fermented in 100% stainless steel drums with native yeast at a controlled 60° F. When primary fermentation was complete; the wine was then sulfured to prevent Malolactic fermentation. The wine was then aged on the lees and stirred twice a week before being bottled in December of 2018.

### HARVEST NOTES

The early half of 2018 brought us moderate temperature allowing for a long growing season. We had a majority of our rainfall in February

followed by a mild Spring. Then summer brought consistent temperatures with little heat spikes. This weather allowed for longer hang time and for the fruit to ripen at a slower rate. The 2018 harvest at our estate began in late August and resulted in exceptional quality.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine displays melon, crisp grapefruit and hints of tropical passionfruit that are inviting on the nose and palate. There are also layers of lemon and vanilla that provide a lively mouthfeel on the finish.

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APPELLATION *Napa Valley*

VARIETAL *100% Sauvignon Blanc*

AGING *Stainless Steel Drums*

ALC. *14.6%*

RELEASE DATE *December 1, 2018*

PRODUCTION *1,748 cases*



