

# 2014 Sauvignon Blanc

NAPA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

100% Sauvignon Blanc

RELEASE DATE: September 2017

BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.2

CASES PRODUCED: 117

ALCOHOL: 14.3 %

TOTAL ACID: 6.0 g/l pH: 3.49

## *Appellation/Vineyards*

Somerston wines are produced from select blocks at our 1,615 acre estate, high in the eastern hills of Napa Valley. This estate bottled wine is sourced from Block 71 with an elevation of 850 asl.

## *Harvest*

The year 2014 had low rainfall consistent with previous drought years in the Napa Valley; however the timing was in our favor. A benefit of the low rainfall is that berry sizes are smaller and the berries have more concentrated flavors. This resulted in a high quality harvest. In late February to early March, showers came down, giving the vines a much needed drink of water.

## *Winemaking*

The small yellow clusters were picked in the early morning, then whole-cluster pressed and fermented in 40% new French oak and 60% neutral French oak. The wine was barrel aged sur lie for six months with two stirrings per month, and bottled in December 2015.

## *Tasting Notes*

This vintage displays all the characteristics that we expect from this great vineyard site. The mineral nose shows bright tropical notes of mango, grapefruit and citrus. On the palate, delicious fruit flavors of poached pear, vanilla and grilled citrus fruit are highlighted by light oak and a persistent finish.