

PRIEST RANCH

## 2019 SAUVIGNON BLANC

### APPELLATION & VINEYARDS

The historic Priest Ranch is now part of the Somerston Estate, a significant property totaling 1,684 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 April 2020.

### HARVEST NOTES

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture followed by a warm summer. We saw very few

extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with sufficient hang time teasing out a great color, structure, and soft tannins. The Sauvignon Blanc for this wine was harvested on August 30th, September 4th, and September 10th.

### TASTING NOTES

This crisp wine has hints of white peach, melon, and hints of tropical passion fruit that are inviting on the nose and palate. There is a balanced amount of acidity that leads to a refreshing crispness on the finish.

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APPELLATION *Napa Valley*

VARIETAL *100% Sauvignon Blanc*

AGING *Stainless Steel Drums*

ALC. *14.3%*

RELEASE DATE *June 2020*

PRODUCTION *1,480 cases*

