WHITEHALL LANE



2 0 1 9 RUTHERFORD NAPA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC

VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was a near perfect growing season! Bud break began in late March, leading to a Spring that had few showers and was relatively dry. Summer was also quite warm and long, leading into a steady Autumn harvest season. The consistent summer and fall weather encouraged our Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon grapes to ripen in late August to early-September.

WINE

Whitehall Lane is known for a Bordeaux style, fruit-forward and crisp Sauvignon Blanc. A majority of the fruit used for this wine was whole-cluster pressed. A small portion of the fruit was destemmed and pumped as whole berries directly into the tank for 18 hours of grape skin contact. This process creates a big, fleshy mid-palate weight to enhance the wine. Before fermentation, a portion of the Sauvignon Blanc juice underwent cold stabulation (chilling at 40°F) for 8 days, increasing the texture and aromatics. 75% of the fruit was cool-fermented in stainless steel tanks while 25% was fermented in French oak barrels (15% new, 10% neutral). Native yeast fermentation took place in barrel, with sur lies (on the lees) and battonage (stirring) for four months. All of these winemaking techniques create a unique Sauvignon Blanc with enhanced flavors and aromas, whilst offering a bold, round mid-palate and long, lingering finish.

NOTES

The 2019 Sauvignon Blanc offers a great deal of complexity. On the nose, it evokes fresh melon, Golden Delicious apples, honeysuckle, white flowers, grapefruit zest, and a touch of vanilla brioche. Though crisp up front, the mid-palate offers a medium-bodied texture. Its flavors include ripe golden pineapples, Bartlett pears, fresh honeydew melon, yellow peaches, toasted walnuts and baked apple tart. The finish has beautiful length with fresh acidity and subtle toasty notes.

WINEMAKER: Jason Moulton

APPELLATION: Rutherford

COMPOSITION: 89% Sauvignon Blanc,

11% Semillon

pH | T.A.: 3.29 | 7.2g/L ALCOHOL: 13.9%

CASE PACK: 12/750mL

SRP: \$25

UPC: 0-11628701026 SCC: 100-11628701023

ACCOLADES: 90 Points - Wine Spectator, Wine Enthusiast, Wine Advocate, & James Suckling



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