2018 Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino



WINEMAKER SARAH VANDENDRIESSCHE

Appellation Mendocino

HARVEST DATE(S) 8/29, 9/14, 9/17

BOTTLING DATE 2/20/2019

ALCOHOL 13.6

BARRELS/AGING STAINLESS STEEL

TASTING NOTES

BOLDLY AROMATIC WITH TOP NOTES OF PASSIONFRUIT, AND LEMON RIND, FOLLOWED BY LAYERS OF FLORAL CITRUS BLOSSOMS, AND TANGY GOOSEBERRIES. THE PALATE OFFERS A VIBRANT, QUENCHING ACIDITY AND PROVIDES STRUCTURE FOR FLAVORS OF FEIJOAS, APRICOT, AND A CITRUS MÈLANGE, WITH THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF MINERALITY TO PROVIDE AN INTRIGUING COUNTERPOINT. THE WINE RETAINS A SENSE OF FULLNESS WITHOUT LOSING ITS REFRESHING ACIDITY, FLAVORS AND AROMATICS REMAIN LIVELY AND COMPLEX THROUGH THE FINISH.

VINEYARDS

THE FRUIT FOR OUR SAUVIGNON BLANC COMES FROM THREE ORGANICALLY FARMED VINEYARDS OF IMPECCABLE QUALITY. THE CORE OF THIS WINE COMES FROM THE GIBSON VINEYARD, WHICH SITS ON THE TALMAGE BENCH JUST EAST OF UKIAH. THESE OLD VINES GIVE THE WINE ITS CITRUS AND MINERAL ELEMENTS. WE COMPLEMENT THAT WITH GRAPES FROM THE MCFADDEN VINEYARD, LOCATED AT THE FAR EDGE OF POTTER VALLEY; AND FROM THE BIODYNAMICALLY FARMED CHEVALIER VINEYARD, LOCATED IN THE REDWOOD VALLEY.

WINEMAKING

OUR SAUVIGNON BLANC IS MADE IN A CERTIFIED ORGANIC, CARBON-NEUTRAL WINERY. WE FERMENT THE FRUIT FROM EACH OF OUR THREE VINEYARD SITES IN INDIVIDUAL LOTS TO PRESERVE THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH SITE. IT TAKES EACH LOT APPROXIMATELY 20 DAYS, AT COOL TEMPERATURES, TO GO THROUGH PRIMARY FERMENTATION IN STAINLESS STEEL; USING THIS METHOD HELPS TO SHOWCASE THE LAYERS OF EXQUISITE VARIETAL CHARACTER AND TERROIR IN THE FINAL BLEND.

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