

DUCKHORN
VINEYARDS



Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc

The Grapes We Select...

- We source fruit from the various appellations throughout the Napa Valley, focusing on sites of distinction planted on alluvial soils—which have high water drainage and little topsoil—to create an elegant blend of several individual vineyard lots.
- We select fruit with flavors of citrus at full maturity by choosing warmer vineyard sites, meticulously managing the leaf canopy, and focusing on specific clonal selections and certain soil types.
- Two of our estate vineyards, Marlee's and Monitor Ledge, possess the characteristics described above and are ideally suited for growing consistently excellent Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon.

The Winemaking Techniques We Apply...

- We practice whole-cluster pressing for our white varietals which emphasizes bright fruit flavors in the finished wine.
- We barrel-ferment a percentage of the Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc lots. As the spent yeast cells settle out, they are stirred up several times to contribute a complex flavor and rich texture.
- The wine is rotated through oak barrels until an ideal balance between oak and fruit has been achieved.
- The barrel-fermented wine is blended with wine that is fermented in stainless steel tanks.

The Blending Process...

- We blend for short-term aging potential, incorporating the Sémillon varietal into the blend to moderate the inherent tartness of Sauvignon Blanc, to add roundness and fullness of texture, and to contribute distinct flavors of melon and ripe fig. Because the addition of Sémillon naturally adds texture and viscosity, we do not initiate malolactic fermentation.
- The final blend is consistently 75 percent Sauvignon Blanc, 25 percent Sémillon.
- Our careful vineyard selection and preference for barrel fermentation results in a unique, full-flavored Sauvignon Blanc with balanced acids and bright fruit flavors.



Duckhorn Vineyards' style of Sauvignon Blanc offers great potential for complementary food and wine pairings. From the spicy cuisine of Southeast Asia to rustic seafood dishes from the south of France, our Sauvignon Blanc has a unique versatility that allows for spontaneity and creativity in the culinary arena.

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