



## 2020 SAUVIGNON BLANC

### Technical Information

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Vintage: 2020

Alcohol: 13.7%

Production: 301 Cases

Vineyard: Lambentz

Barrel Program: Split Fermentation

### Tasting Notes

Our 2020 Sauvignon Blanc opens with an enticing bouquet of ripe tropical fruit; notes of guava, honeydew melon, and banana burst from the glass. The palate reveals an incredibly silky texture that flows to flavors of ripe cantaloupe and banana, along with sea salt, vanilla, and clove. Everything is balanced by a refreshing line of acidity and a gentle phenolic structure. This is a luxurious Sauvignon Blanc that is graceful and powerful at the same time.

### Winemaking Notes

The Sauvignon Blanc for 2020 was truly a “miracle” wine. 2020 vintage was difficult for many vineyards in the Napa Valley due to the unprecedented wildfires. The LNU Complex fire burned sections of Pope Valley, where Bentz Vineyard is located, and according the fire reflectance radar, was engulfed in flames. However, after obtaining a letter from the Napa County Ag Commissioner, we were able to access the vineyard behind fire lines. To our surprise the fire had back-burned to the fence, but the prevailing winds carried the ash-filled smoke to the east, sparing our grapes. Our vineyard manager was able to get his crew in under emergency conditions, pick, and deliver our fruit in perfect shape.

Once in the winery, we processed the Sauvignon Blanc immediately -whole cluster pressed in the Europress sparkling program. It was cold-settled overnight, and racked to 4 different types of vessels for fermentation. One portion of the SB was fermented in Flex tank (30%), another in 225L used barrels (15%), another in 500L Puncheon (35%), and the last in Stainless Steel Drums (20%).

The Flex tank is semi-permeable which allows oxygen ingress, softening the mouthfeel and acid. The barrels add spice and roundness, and the stainless ferments bring freshness and backbone to the final blend. The 2020 SB strikes a beautiful balance between freshness and richness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$38

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