



## FROG'S LEAP

# 2021 SAUVIGNON BLANC NAPA VALLEY

### A BRIEF HISTORY

"The 1981 Frog's Leap Sauvignon Blanc is what we feel a Sauvignon Blanc should be. It is a dry wine of substantial scale that carries itself well, as it retains a delicacy to complement food, not overwhelm." These are the words that we chose to introduce our Sauvignon Blanc—and in fact, our winery—to the world. In the 40 years that have passed since our debut vintage, we've stayed true to the ideals we laid out at the very beginning. Today the wine is still made from 100 percent Sauvignon Blanc grapes, farmed in such a way as to keep the alcohol low, the acidity high, and the flavors crisp, refreshing and complex.

The changes that we've made along the way have served to enhance the wine and reinforce our ideals: organically-certified and dry-farmed vineyards to deepen our connection with the soil; increasing amounts of estate-grown fruit, to allow us to fine-tune the vines to our liking; brief skin contact and aging on the lees to give depth and complexity. All of this has brought us forward in our primary pursuit: to make a Sauvignon Blanc that is so indicative of the place in which it is grown, that it could come from nowhere else.

### ABOUT THE WINE

With the growing demand over the few years for Sauvignon Blanc, producers world-wide have had to decide whether to increase production by sacrificing quality by cutting corners. At Frog's Leap it has never been a question. From the decision to cane prune, to not irrigate, to limit our yields and exercise tremendous care in our winemaking we honor this variety and give it all the respect it deserves. The 2021 vintage especially tested our values, as yields were about 30% lower than our average. We stuck to our guns, and did not seek to bring in semi-anonymous, external fruit, and the 2021 vintage will be one of our smallest harvests since the 1980s.

The silver lining to these low yields was a harvest of exceptional quality. There won't be as much to go around, but the '21 Sauvignon Blanc will one of our best ever (as will the other wines from 2021— spoiler alert!). Clean fruit meant that we were able to give the grapes about 3 hours of skin contact prior to pressing. With approximately 6 months of sur lie aging, the wine was given the time to develop complexity, and the 2021 was the first time that wine fermented in one of our concrete eggs (about 2% of the total) made it into the main blend— look for this trend to increase in the years to come. The wine has a freshness accompanied by depth that represents everything we love about this grape, with bright fruit and crisp minerality. Grab your bottles before we drink it all. RW



### THE BLEND

- 100% Sauvignon blanc
- 30% Galleron Vineyard, Rutherford
- 20% Navone Vineyard, Rutherford
- 18% Rossi Vineyard, Rutherford
- 18% Longwood Ranch, Napa
- 10% Chavez-Leeds Vineyard, Rutherford
- 4% Neighbor ranches to Rossi –  
Lehmann, Faherty,  
and Cummings Vineyards

### STATISTICS

- harvested: August 25 to September 16
- harvest chemistry: 21.7° brix, 6.0g/L total acidity, 3.26 pH
- final chemistry: 13.4% alcohol, 6.5g/L total acidity,  
3.25 pH, 0.01% residual sugar
- bottled March 20 2022
- 11,210 cases produced

### WINEMAKERS

- John Williams
- Rory Williams
- Pablo Polanco

### VINEYARDIST

- Frank Leeds

### VINES

Vines: Certified organic and dry farmed. Soil types are primarily the clay-heavy sloughs of the Maxwell series, as well as the deep river soils along the Napa River

BALANCE, RESTRAINT AND DEEP RESPECT FOR THE NATURAL EXPRESSION OF THE VINE