



FROG'S LEAP

2020 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 the 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 nearly 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: stainless steel fermentation to preserve freshness; 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 a noble 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. JW

ABOUT THE WINE

With the growing demand over the last few years for Sauvignon Blanc, producers world-wide—from Sancerre to New Zealand to the Napa Valley—have had to decide whether to increase production through yield or the purchase of outside grapes or stick to the values, growing and winemaking techniques that have made this wine so popular in the first place. 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.

Even after four decades of commitment to our fresh, up-tempo approach to Sauvignon Blanc, we’re always looking to push the envelope of quality with this great variety. For several vintages now, we have been experimenting with holding the wine for a longer time before bottling, and we’ve liked what we’ve seen—2020 saw the longest sur lie aging to date for our SB, with the wine spending seven months on its lees. The extra lees contact gives this vintage a little more of everything we love about this grape: intense mineral and floral aromas, bright fruit, and a bit of extra density on the palate, all without being weighed down by trappings like oak or high alcohol. RW

THE BLEND

100% Sauvignon Blanc
42% Galleron Vineyard, Rutherford
25% Rossi Vineyard, Rutherford
13% Chavez-Leeds Vineyard, Rutherford
8% Navone Vineyard, Rutherford
7% Longwood Ranch, Napa
5% Neighbor ranches to Rossi –
Lehmann, Faherty and Cummings Vineyards

STATISTICS

harvested: August 14 - August 27
harvest chemistry: 21.7° brix, 6.29g/L total acidity, 3.49pH
final chemistry: 13.2% alcohol, 5.1g/L total acidity, 3.34pH,
0.01% residual sugar
bottled April 21 2021
15,785 cases produced

WINEMAKERS

John Williams
Rory Williams
Pablo Polanco

VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

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