

WHITEHALL
LANE



2017

RUTHERFORD
NAPA VALLEY

SAUVIGNON
BLANC

VINTAGE

2017 began with a healthy, wet winter, offering the vines enough energy and resources to have a great year. Bud break began in late March to early April, followed by warm, dry conditions for the Spring and Summer. The consistent summer weather encouraged our Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon grapes to ripen in mid-August. The grapes were harvested from select vineyards in Rutherford including our Estate and Bommarito Vineyards.

WINE

Whitehall Lane is known for a Bordeaux style, fruit-forward and crisp Sauvignon Blanc. A majority of the fruit used for this wine was whole-cluster pressed. A small portion of the fruit was destemmed and pumped as whole berries directly into the tank for 6 hours of grape skin contact. This process creates a big, fleshy mid-palate weight to enhance the wine. 75% of the fruit was cool-fermented in stainless steel tanks while 25% was fermented in French oak barrels (15% new, 10% neutral). Native yeast fermentation took place in barrel, with sur lies (on the lees) and battonage (stirring) for 5 months. All of these winemaking techniques create a unique Sauvignon Blanc with enhanced flavors and aromas, whilst offering a bold, round mid-palate and long, lingering finish.

NOTES

The 2017 Sauvignon Blanc offers a great deal of complexity. On the nose, it evokes Golden Delicious apples, honeydew melon, grapefruit zest, white flowers, crushed limestone, and a touch of brioche. Though crisp up front, the mid-palate offers a medium-bodied texture. Its flavors include fresh pineapple, white nectarines, Bartlett pears, baked apple pie, honeysuckle, toasted walnuts, and fresh croissant. The finish has beautiful length with fresh acidity and subtle toasty notes.

WINEMAKER: *Jason Moulton*

APPELLATION: *Rutherford*

COMPOSITION: *84% Sauvignon Blanc,
16% Semillon*

pH | T.A.: *3.32 | 7.25g/L*

ALCOHOL: *13.5%*

CASE PACK: *12/750mL*

SRP: *\$25*

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