

ST. FRANCIS WINERY & VINEYARDS

Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc 2022

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Fruit for this refreshing wine comes from St. Francis's Wild Oak Vineyard and top growers in Sonoma County, an area renowned for producing high quality Sauvignon Blanc. Cool mornings and warm afternoons produce fruit with classic Sauvignon Blanc characteristics and pronounced flavors. To retain the bright flavors and crisp acidity of this varietal, the grapes were picked at dawn and arrived at the winery cold. The grapes were pressed and a majority of the juice was sent directly to stainless steel tank while a small portion went to barrel for fermentation. The wine was fermented slowly at 55° for 21 days, preserving the wonderful aromas of Sauvignon Blanc. The winemaker prevented malolactic fermentation to preserve the wine's clean, crisp texture. It was then aged for five months before bottling.

HARVEST NOTE

The 2022 growing season started with early spring rains followed by ideal weather through spring and late summer. Harvest began on August 15 with white and early ripening red varieties showing bright acidity and mouth-watering freshness. In September a period of triple digit heat over several days pushed maturity on the vines, until a few days of rain provided a refreshing break and gave the later-ripening fruit some extra hang time to develop deep rich color, remarkable aromatics and exquisite flavors.

TASTING NOTE

Aromas of honey dew melon, fresh cut apple and lime zest on the nose. Flavors of tangerine, kiwi and white peach linger and lead to a smooth finish balanced with crisp acidity and a hint of minerality.

TECHNICAL DATA

GRAPES: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

APPELLATION: Sonoma County

PH: 3.20

ACIDITY: 0.61 g/l

ABV: 13.5%

AGING: 5 months, 90% stainless steel, 10% neutral French oak

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- A pure and classic Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc
- Slow, cool fermentation without malolactic fermentation result in a fresh, highly aromatic fruit profile
- Versatile as an aperitif or with a variety of seafood and light meats



Sonoma wines express themselves differently than wines from Napa. They have their own unique brightness and great intensity
Chris Louton, Winemaker