



2020 SAUVIGNON BLANC

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley, lying in the northeast corner of the Howell Mountain AVA. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slopes, this mountainside vineyard clings to volcanic “tufa” soils. Ink Grade Estate possesses a raw tension that renders fruit of immense intensity and depth. If ever there was a site that imparted a feeling of reverence, Ink Grade is such a place.

A SAUVIGNON BLANC OF TENSION AND OPULENCE

This Sauvignon Blanc expresses tropical components of passionfruit, honeydew, and grapefruit due to the ample sunlight hours present in our vineyard. The volcanic “tufa” soils and unique ripening conditions add an herbal and mineral backdrop of lemongrass and slate. We farm vigilantly to retain these aromatics while at the same time preserving the natural acidity that is needed to keep these wines lifted and never heavy. We are extremely proud of the poise in this wine and know that it will be a pillar for Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc.

2020 VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

“The 2020 Sauvignon Blanc is a wine of extraordinary precision and nuance. Sourced from vines planted in 1996 in volcanic soil, the nose expresses aromatic white flowers, notes of flint, and citrus curd. The medium-bodied palate carries the integration of oak with grace and sophistication, supported by a racy backbone and subtly creamy texture. A beautiful balance between opulence and tension, the finish is long and mineral laced.”

— Master Sommelier and Managing Partner Carlton McCoy Jr., May 2022

AVA: 100% NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:
100% SAUVIGNON BLANC

AGING: CONCRETE EGGS, LARGE OAK
BARRELS, AND OAK CASKS

HARVEST DATE: 8.17.2020

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

VINEYARD BLOCKS: DIAMONDBACK, POPE'S GOLD

PRODUCTION: 542 CASES

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