

PRIEST RANCH

## 2018 GRENACHE BLANC

### APPELLATION & VINEYARDS

The historic Priest Ranch is now part of the Somerston Estate, a significant property totaling 1,682 acres with 240 acres planted to hillside vineyards. The wines of Priest Ranch are blends from multiple blocks that showcase the diversity and complexity of the combined property. Our 2018 Grenache Blanc grapes were selected from Blocks 6 and 7, a 4.9-acre vineyard planted at an elevation of 1,250 feet.

### WINEMAKING

Priest Ranch Grenache Blanc was fermented in stainless steel drums and tanks. Native yeasts fermented the wine at a controlled 60 degrees F. The lees was stirred twice a month for eight months before the wine was bottled.

### HARVEST NOTES

The first half of 2018 brought us moderate temperatures allowing for a long growing season. We had a majority of our rainfall in February,

followed by a mild spring. Then summer brought consistent temperatures with little heat spikes. This weather allowed for longer hang time and for the fruit to ripen at a slower rate.

### TASTING NOTES

The Grenache Blanc is an aromatic white wine with bright aromas of white peach, melons, and honeysuckle. The palate is sharp with good acidity and minerality with a touch of tannins. Hints of bright stone fruits, Asian pears, and citrus make it the perfect pairing for Thai cuisine or to serve with triple cream cheese.

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APPELLATION *Napa Valley*

VARIETAL *100% Grenache Blanc*

AGING *Stainless Steel Drums*

ALC. *13.1%*

RELEASE DATE *July 1, 2020*

PRODUCTION *768 cases*

