# PRIEST RANCH 2022 SAUVIGNON BLANC

### APPELLATION & VINEYARDS

The historic Priest Ranch is now part of the Somerston Estate, a significant property totaling 1,682 acres with 244 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. The 2022 vintage of our Priest Ranch Sauvignon Block has fruit from blocks 71, 72, 81, and 124.

#### WINEMAKING

Our Sauvignon Blanc was fermented in 100% stainless steel drums with native yeast at a controlled  $60^{\circ}$  F. When primary fermentation was complete, the wine was then sulfured to prevent Malolactic fermentation. The wine was then aged on the lees and stirred twice a week before being bottled in April 2022.

### HARVEST NOTES

With climate variability as the new normal, Napa Valley grape growers aim to be resilient and adaptable. Their preparation and experience paid off in 2022 as growers faced triple-digit heat over five days in September, quickly followed by rain. Winemakers are calling the vintage "the tale of two harvests," making it one of the more unique vintages in recent history.

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2022 Sauvignon Blanc opens with a bouquet of elderflowers, yellow peach, and a zest of lemon. Leading to a palate that is crisp and refreshing with a balanced finish of passionfruit, honeydew, and a hint of grapefruit juice. This wine can be a fantastic match with a goat cheese salad or dish with smoked salmon!

APPELLATION Napa Valley VARIETAL 100% Sauvignon Blanc AGING Stainless Steel Drums ALC. 14.4% RELEASE DATE March 2023 PRODUCTION 299 cases

