

## 2018 KNIGHTS VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC



### *Vintage:*

FEBRUARY SAW ABUNDANT RAINS, FOLLOWED BY LOTS OF FILTERED LIGHT IN SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER. BOTH BUD BREAK AND FLOWERING OCCURRED A BIT LATE, BUT UNDER IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS, CREATING PLENTIFUL AND EVEN FRUIT SET. SUMMER BROUGHT GENEROUS SUN DURING THE DAY AND COOLER MARINE INFLUENCES, VIRTUALLY UNINTERRUPTED BY MAJOR HEAT SPIKES. THE RELATIVELY MILD SUMMER FOLLOWED BY EXTENDED FALL SUNSHINE AND MODERATE HEAT CREATED NEAR-IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR WINEMAKERS TO ALLOW THEIR FRUIT TO ACCUMULATE FLAVOR COMPLEXITY WITH GRADUAL INCREASES IN SUGAR LEVELS. VOLUME WAS UP 20-30% INCREASE OVER AVERAGE CROP QUANTITY.

### *Vineyard:*

OUR SAUVIGNON BLANC IS CRAFTED FROM WITHIN THE KNIGHTS VALLEY AVA, JUST A STONE'S THROW FROM THE NAPA VALLEY BORDER. THE SAUVIGNON BLANC VINEYARD IS SITUATED IN THE SADDLE OF THE VACAS MOUNTAIN RANGE BETWEEN NORTHERN NAPA VALLEY AND ALEXANDER VALLEY. IT IS PROTECTED FROM PACIFIC OCEAN INFLUENCES MORE THAN OTHER SONOMA COUNTY GROWING REGIONS. ITS WARMER CLIMATE, SLIGHTLY HIGHER ELEVATION AND VOLCANIC SOILS ALL COMBINE TO CREATE IDEAL GROWING CONDITIONS. THIS VINEYARD NOTED FOR ITS VOLCANIC SOIL WITH LARGE COBBLES, YIELDS A GRACEFULLY NUANCED WINE WHICH BENEFITS FROM SUN DRENCHED GROWING DAYS AND COOL EVENINGS.

### *Tasting:*

FRESH FLAVORS OF HONEYDEW MELON, GREEN APPLE AND PEAR WITH MINERAL NOTES THAT LEND HEFT AND DENSITY ON THE MID-PALATE. BRIGHT ACIDITY WITH TROPICAL FRUIT FLAVORS OF GUAVA, MANGO AND LYCHEE OFFER A SMOOTH, LONG FINISH. DRINK AT CELLAR TEMP 55 DEGREES.

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*Composition:*  
100% SAUVIGNON  
BLANC

*Bottling:*  
100 CASES  
JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

*Harvest Dates:*  
SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

*Aging:*  
2020-2022

*Barrel Regime:*  
80% FRENCH NEW OAK, A BLEND OF NEUTRAL, FRENCH  
OAK AND STAINLESS STEEL. AGED FOR 22 MONTHS.

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