



FROG'S LEAP

2018 SAUVIGNON BLANC *Rachel Rossi Reserve* *Rutherford Napa Valley*

THE BLEND

100% Sauvignon blanc

VINEYARD

100% Rossi Ranch - *old cane block*
100% Rutherford

RELEASE DATE

March 2020

STATISTICS

harvested —
September 5
22.5° brix at harvest
13.4% alcohol
6.5 g/L total acidity
3.31 pH
fermented and aged in
concrete egg

WINEMAKERS

John Williams
Paula Moschetti
Rory Williams

VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

A BRIEF HISTORY

From 1907 to 2007, the Rossi family lived and farmed 52 acres in the heart of the Napa Valley at what is now known as the Rossi Ranch. It was on this property, in 1908, that they established California's Bonded Winery #934. When Fred Rossi passed in 1922, Rachel Rossi, his wife and matriarch of the family took the reins. Along with her three children, Rachel kept the farm prosperous through Prohibition and the Great Depression until her death in 1958. An immigrant from Italy Rachel Rossi demonstrated the remarkable pioneering spirit that laid the foundation of the modern Napa Valley wine industry. When Frog's Leap acquired the Ranch in 2007 we had already decided that someday we would make a special wine honoring this strong and powerful woman.

The Rachel Rossi Reserve block of Sauvignon blanc lies in the morning shadow of the Rossi Ranch's iconic water tower. These vines were planted in 1981 (the year Frog's Leap was founded) on the finest Pleasanton gravelly loam available on the famed Rutherford Bench. Organically certified and dry farmed for nearly forty years, the vines are now fully mature and extremely deep-rooted bringing superb balance with extraordinarily complex flavors to the fruit.

ABOUT THE WINE

The 2018 Rachel is a spectacular wine just now after a full year on the lees and a further year in the bottle showing the nuance of its aromatic profile and the remarkable complexity of its flavors.

Sauvignons are amazing in their ability to wear many coats and take on many guises as they must contend as the best reflectors of terroir amongst all of the white varieties. But surely the Rachel represents a class of Sauvignon that is the highest expression of this noble grape.

Enjoyed with a wide variety of cuisine or a simple piece of cheese do not be afraid to experiment. This is a wine of such character as to not be intimidated.