



FROG'S LEAP

2003 SAUVIGNON BLANC

Rutherford Napa Valley

THE BLEND

100% Sauvignon Blanc
100% Rutherford

PRODUCTION

24,850 cases

RELEASE DATE

April 2004

STATISTICS

harvested

August 26-September 25

21.8 ° brix

13.2 % alcohol

6.5 gr/1 total acidity

3.15 pH

0.03% r.s.

WINEMAKING

whole cluster pressed

cold settled overnight

racked off juice solids

100% cold tank fermented

2 months sur lie

no oak contact

no malolactic

WINEMAKERS

John Williams

Paula Siroky

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

Vintage 2003 started late, producing lower yields and ending with an intense harvest of ultimately superb quality. Early cooling rains delayed bud-break yet the picture-perfect summer helped the small crop gain ground. As harvest approached, we thought we had an extra week to ten days to prepare with the possibility of the first Labor Day start in years. Then it hit: a spate of very warm days that had the fruit cascading into the cellar and filling every fermenter before we could catch our breath! When we finally sorted things out and had a chance to review the new wines, we were excited. Excellent color, superb balance, great intensity, and flavors in abundance. It was quite a year.

ABOUT THE WINE

The year 2003 will be marked as the breakout vintage for our Galleron Vineyard, which will be, and for the foreseeable future, the dominant source of fruit for Frog's Leap Sauvignon Blanc. Great care is given to picking a vineyard: one must analyze its soil and drainage and taste the wines that it and its neighbors produce. It must be planted with the best possible stock and developed with immense levels of detail and care. And then comes the waiting. For the Galleron Vineyard, purchased in 1998 and developed over the last six years, that wait is finally over. The first result is a spectacular one that is a credit to its Frog's Leap heritage and Rutherford roots: crisp and vivacious, with a delicious blend of floral and herbal scents, bracing acidity, and a hint of the earth distinctive to Rutherford. For Galleron, the next fifty years sure look good.