



FROG'S LEAP

2023 SAUVIGNON BLANC RUTHERFORD NAPA VALLEY

A BRIEF HISTORY

"The 1981 Frog's Leap Sauvignon Blanc is what we feel a Sauvignon Blanc should be. It is a dry wine of substantial scale the carries itself well, as it retains a delicacy to complement food, not overwhelm." These are the words that we chose to introduce our Sauvignon Blanc — and in fact, our winery — to the world. In the 42 years that have passed since our debut vintage, we've stayed true to the ideals we laid out at the very beginning. Today the wine is still made from 100 percent Sauvignon Blanc grapes, farmed in such a way as to keep the alcohol low, the acidity high, and the flavors crisp, refreshing and complex.

The changes that we've made along the way have served to enhance the wine and reinforce our ideals: organically-certified and dry-farmed vineyards to deepen our connection with the soil; increasing amounts of estate-grown fruit, to allow us to fine-tune the vines to our liking; subtle changes to winemaking, designed to maintain freshness while adding depth and complexity. All of this has brought us forward in our primary pursuit: to make a Sauvignon Blanc that is so indicative of the place in which it is grown, that it could come from nowhere else. —JW

ABOUT THE WINE

A calm, event-free growing season had the vines looking beautiful coming into harvest, and the late season — harvest didn't begin until August 25th, at least 10 days later than average — meant that the grapes were packed with flavor and acidity. The annual joke in Napa is that every year is the "vintage of the century," at least in the marketers' eyes. The thing is, 2023 may actually be a candidate. Full flavors and strong structure, yes, but above all the 2023s are marked — across all varieties — by their superb balance, the true mark of the best years in Napa.

2023 also gave us some fruit! Yields were up 30% over the previous year, but the long, gentle harvest period allowed us ample time to bring every lot in at perfect ripeness — despite the platitudes of wine notes everywhere, this is not a guaranteed feature of a harvest. As in 2022, a significant portion — 5% — of the finished wine was fermented and aged in concrete eggs. The 2023 SB is four-dimensional: subtle floral-tropical aromas lift the wine upwards, generous stone and citrus fruit flavors broaden its appeal, and savory minerality adds depth. All the while, the great balance and umami of the wine — the result of dry-farmed vines and 6 months aging sur lie — gives the wine tension, sustain and a long finish. Drink up. —RW



THE BLEND

100% Sauvignon Blanc,
Rutherford AVA

37% Galleron Vineyard, Rutherford
20% Navone Vineyard, Rutherford
16% Williams Rossi Vineyard, Rutherford
12% Longwood Ranch, Napa
10% Chavez-Leeds Vineyard, Rutherford
5% Neighbor ranches to Rossi:
Golubchik, Faherty and Cummings Vineyards

THE VINES

Certified organic and dry-farmed. Soil types are primarily the clay-heavy sloughs of the Maxwell series, as well as the deep river clay-silt loams at Galleron and Longwood.

STATISTICS

harvested: August 25 – September 16, 2023
at harvest: 21.5° brix, 7.1 g/L TA, 3.30 pH
final: 13.1% alc., 6.3 g/L TA, 3.34 pH, 0.01% RS, ML-
bottled: April 15, 2024
15,500 cases produced

WINEMAKERS

John Williams
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VINEYARDIST

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BALANCE, RESTRAINT AND DEEP RESPECT FOR THE NATURAL EXPRESSION OF THE VINE