

2023
APERTURE
SAUVIGNON
BLANC

Aperture

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2023 sauvignon blanc incorporates our estate-grown sémillon and sauvignon musqué, that we planted on the Aperture property in 2019. These two estate blocks were hand-harvested in early September at the same time as the Sauvignon Blanc from Farrow Ranch in Geyserville. The sauvignon blanc from Dry Stack Vineyard in the Bennett Valley AVA was brought to the winery in early October, consistent with this vineyard's unique late-ripening characteristics.

All our hand harvested grape clusters are delicately sorted and delivered to the press as a whole cluster. We lightly press the whole clusters based on meticulous acidity measurements and pressure to a stainless-steel tank where we let the juice settle and chill at 45°F for three days. After three days, we clean-rack the juice to a smaller tank leaving the heavy sediment behind. Fermentation naturally starts within three days and temperature is kept below 56°F until 18 brix when we transfer the young wine directly to French oak barrels, and concrete. Once transferred to barrel, the wine is placed in our cold barrel room to keep fermentation cool and slow to intentionally preserve the bright aromatics and fresh quality. As the wine slowly ferments for an additional 3 weeks in barrel, we top and stir weekly. The wine stays in contact with the lees throughout the 6 month barrel aging process.

— WINEMAKER **JESSE KATZ**



APPELLATION

Sonoma County

VARIETAL

Sauvignon Blanc

BLEND

80% Sauvignon Blanc
20% Sémillon

BARREL PROGRAM

Aged 6 months
30% new French oak
30% once used French oak
25% neutral French oak
15% cement

VINEYARD

We harvest grapes from three vineyards for this wine. Our estate sémillon and sauvignon musqué in Russian River Valley, sauvignon blanc from Dry Stack Vineyard in Bennett Valley, and sauvignon blanc from our estate property, Farrow Ranch in Alexander Valley.

SOIL TYPE | Clay Loam

The soils are marine clay loam with many small to medium sized stones throughout the profile, helping drainage and soil texture.