

2022
APERTURE
SAUVIGNON
BLANC

Aperture

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 sauvignon blanc incorporates our estate-grown sémillion 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.

Basing the pressure on the acid measurements, we lightly whole cluster press the fruit to a stainless steel tank where we let the juice chill at 50°F. After three days, we clean-rack it to a smaller tank leaving the heavy sediment behind. Three days later, fermentation starts naturally and keeps below 56°F until 18 brix when we transfer the young wine to barrels. There, it spends the remaining time on lees until just before bottling. 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 those same barrels for 6 months.

— WINEMAKER **JESSE KATZ**



APPELLATION

Sonoma County

VARIETAL

Sauvignon Blanc

BLEND

84% Sauvignon Blanc
16% Sémillion

BARREL PROGRAM

Aged 6 months
33% new French oak
30% once used French oak
25% neutral French oak
12% cement tank

VINEYARD

We harvest grapes from three vineyards for this wine. Our estate sémillion 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.

ACCOLADES

“The 2022 Sauvignon Blanc is blended with 16% Sémillion and was matured mostly in French oak (33% new) plus a smaller portion of cement tank. It's the first vintage where so much Sémillion has been included—since acquiring Farrow Ranch in 2021, winemaker Jesse Katz has been able to add some of that site's fruit into his Aperture wines. It has alluring tones of white peach, kumquat, meringue and crème brûlée on the nose, plus wafts of floral perfume. The medium-bodied palate offers expansive flavors that segue from candied citrus to guava and vanilla pots de crème. It has a luxuriously satiny texture balanced by focused acidity and a very long, flavorful finish.”

95 points

-Erin Brooks, Robert Parker's
The Wine Advocate