



Round Pond

Patriarch Bob MacDonnell spent many summers as a child relaxing and camping at West Point's recreation area in New York. Named *Round Pond*, this source of idyllic youthful memories became the inspiration for our family's Napa Valley home and winery.

ACCOLADES

2018 VINTAGE: 92 PTS WINE ENTHUSIAST

2017 VINTAGE: 97 PTS SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION & DOUBLE GOLD, 90 PTS WINE SPECTATOR, 94 PTS VIVINO

2014 VINTAGE: 90 PTS + DAILY PICK WINE SPECTATOR & 90 PTS WINE ENTHUSIAST

2013 VINTAGE: 90 PTS + TOP 100 WINE SPECTATOR

WINEMAKING NOTES

This wine is focused on purity of fruit; it is a flip book of the varietal as it ripens on our Rutherford estate. We capture different snapshots of the grape's character by making three picking passes during harvest. This provides the wine with multiple layers of fruit starting with zesty citrus, moving to stone fruits, progressing to melons, and finishing with a hint of exotic tropical fruits. Each of these aromatic profiles represents the different ripeness levels at which the clusters were picked.

TASTING NOTES

This bright and lusciously complex wine envelops the senses with an exquisite aromatic bouquet of açai, guava, and papaya supported by ripe nectarines, coconut, white peach and delicate white flowers. A lively array of ripe pear, melon and stone fruits glide across the palate with delightful citrus-driven acidity balanced by soft, savory minerality. Vivacious tropical notes linger beautifully on the long, enduring, and playful finish.

VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

2018 vintage had a near-perfect growing season that began in late February. Spring was mild, with extended flowering yielding uniform grape clusters. Steady, warm temperatures made for a cool, unhurried harvest, and our healthy leaf canopies, allowed the fruit to hang longer and ripen very slowly on the vine. Harvest began with our Sauvignon Blanc in late August wrapped the first week of November with our Cabernet Sauvignon. The extended time on the vine and the temperate weather gave a fantastic concentration of ripe flavor and density to the grapes along with high acidity in the wines, resulting in a vintage with natural balance and finesse.

WINEMAKERS: Thomas Rivers Brown

VARIETALS: 100% Sauvignon Blanc (Clone: 1, 530 & Sauvignon Musque)

FERMENTATION: 100% stainless steel, no malolactic fermentation

RELEASE DATE: March 1st, 2019

SRP: \$28.00



2018 RUTHERFORD SAUVIGNON BLANC