



Round Pond
E S T A T E

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. Today, we are honored to make this Estate Sauvignon Blanc in honor of Dad.

ACCOLADES

2020 VINTAGE: **93 PTS** THE TASTING PANEL MAGAZINE, **91 PTS** WINE SPECTATOR, **91 PTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

2019 VINTAGE: **93 PTS** THE TASTING PANEL MAGAZINE, **91 PTS** JEB DUNNUCK

2018 VINTAGE: **92 PTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

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 multiple picking passes during harvest. This provides the wine with complex 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 zippy Sauvignon Blanc practically jumps out of the glass with its aromatics of fragrant jasmine, hints of lemon grass, lemon lime zest and citrus pith, which continue to develop as the wine opens up with air. On the palate there is a stunning richness balanced with mouthwatering acidity from start to finish, making this a wine that truly overdelivers on every expectation.

VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

The 2020 winter and spring seasons were dry, limiting vine vigor and focusing the vines' energy on ripening small, intensely concentrated grapes. Temperatures during the summer growing season were warmer than average, with wall to wall sunlight. This heat and saturated sunlight resulted in some of the earliest harvest dates at Round Pond Estate. Our Sauvignon Blanc is planted on loose, alluvial soils derived from the volcanic Vaca Mountains. Round Pond's "California sprawl" trellis systems provide excellent vine balance and diverse sun exposures. For textural and aromatic depth, grapes are harvested at various ripeness levels and gently pressed as whole clusters at low pressures. Fermentations are slow and cool enhancing aromatic concentration and a bright palate. All of this helps us achieve our mission to highlight the freshness of the grapes' aromas and preserve a crisp clean mouthfeel.

WINEMAKER: John Wilson

CONSULTING WINEMAKER: Thomas Rivers Brown

VARIETALS: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

FERMENTATION: 5 months, 100% stainless steel

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SRP: \$28.00



2020 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC