



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

2021 VINTAGE: **92 PTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

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 bright Sauvignon Blanc leaps out of the glass with aromas of honeysuckle, white peach, and Meyer lemon. Tropical notes of lychee and guava meld into notes of key lime and a touch of grapefruit with a vibrant acidity on the palate balanced by a rich mid-palate weight. This zippy wine finishes long and clean with a beautiful roundness at the end.

VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

The 2021 vintage was marked by a second season of drought. The temperatures remained relatively mild, however the dry conditions resulted in smaller, more concentrated grapes with lighter yields and one of the earliest harvest windows for Round Pond Estate. These lower yields typically speed up the grapes' sugar accumulation resulting in an amazingly vibrant, citrus-driven Sauvignon Blanc with zip and crisp acid. 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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2021 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC