



Round Pond  
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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

2022 VINTAGE: **91 PTS** JAMES SUCKLING, **90 PTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST

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

#### 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. For textural and aromatic depth, grapes are harvested by hand 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.

#### TASTING NOTES

Aromatic notes of white peach and lime leap out of the glass with a hint of herbaceous Thai basil. Juicy, bright flavors of lychee and pink grapefruit are complemented with a wet stone minerality and perfectly balanced acidity. A mid-palate richness leads to a long, clean finish.

#### VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

The 2022 vintage was the third in a string of drought years. Despite the drought, there was well-timed Spring rain that boosted the vines' vigor allowing for nicely established canopies for both shade and photosynthesis. The weather remained relatively mild and even, with routine fog patterns cooling nighttime and morning temperatures. At Labor Day, a significant heat wave impacted the entire Western States. At Round Pond, we sustained some heat damage but mostly came out unscathed thanks to our healthy vine canopies and overhead sprinklers. 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.

WINEMAKERS: Jeff Plant & John Wilson

CONSULTING WINEMAKER: Thomas Rivers Brown

VARIETALS: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

FERMENTATION: 5 months, 100% stainless steel

RELEASE DATE: January 2023

SRP: \$30.00

HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS: Gluten Free



2022 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC