

# MERRYVALE

## VINEYARDS

### 2022 Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley



#### Winemaking

Sourced from two top vineyard sites in Napa Valley, the fruit was hand harvested and pressed to tank for settling. The wine was barrel fermented then aged in neutral French oak 320L cigar barrels and 600L puncheons along with one 240G concrete tank. A time honored and labor intensive technique, barrel fermentation unlocks the potential of Sauvignon Blanc to be both luscious and precise. We barrel ferment and age in small lots, using different barrel sizes and shapes to layer texture and flavor. Large format (320L and 600L) neutral French oak barrels provide an outstanding platform to let the purity of the fruit shine.

#### Vintage

The 2022 vintage, also known as “the tale of two harvests,” is said to be one of the more unique vintages in recent history. Growers faced triple digit heat over five days in September quickly followed by rain that brought harvest to a sudden halt. Winemakers describe 2022 white wines as having perfect acidity and freshness with remarkable flavors and textures. Winemakers believe the unique weather events that defined the vintage will showcase the full range of flavors that Napa Valley wines are so well known for from crisp and vibrant to dense and powerful.

#### Tasting Notes

Alluring aromas of tropical fruits, white flowers, and honeysuckle. The classic barrel fermentation and élevage in neutral French oak and concrete provides generous texture combined with vibrant focus and minerality. A layered, pure and precise Sauvignon Blanc that showcases piercing acidity and fruit complexity as the wine opens. Long and lingering, pair this wine with summertime and seafood over the next 5 years.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Blend:	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Vineyards:	Bentz Vineyard, Las Cerezas Vineyard
Cooperage:	5 months in a combination of neutral French oak 320L cigar barrels and 600L puncheons and one 240G concrete cube
Alc:	13.7%
PH:	3.32
TA:	7.7 g/L

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