# MERRYVALE VINEYARDS

## 2023 Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley

#### Winemaking

Sourced from three top vineyard sites in Napa Valley, the fruit was hand harvested and pressed to tank for settling. The wine was fermented in concrete tank, 320L neutral French oak cigars and 75 gallon stainless steel barrels. 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 neutral French oak and 75 gallon stainless steel barrels provide an outstanding platform to let the purity of the Pope Valley and old vine Yountville fruit shine. A small portion was fermented and aged in concrete to enhance minerality and complexity. 2023 is a fantastic vintage, well captured by this refreshing white.

#### Vintage

In 2023, Napa Valley experienced one of the longest growing seasons in a decade or more. With consistent, mild weather throughout the season, above-average crop yields, and extended hang time, 2023 is an exceptional, high-quality, memorable vintage.

### **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:	Whisky River Ranch, Grigsby Vineyard, Fritz Vineyard
Cooperage:	3 months in a combination of concrete tank, neutral French oak
	320L cigar barrels and 75 gallon stanless steel barrels
Alc:	13.5%
PH:	3.2
TA:	6.7 g/L
	EST. 1983

