



2021 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC

Blend: 85% Sauvignon Blanc, 15% Semillon

Vintage: 2021 | **Appellation:** Sonoma Valley

Vineyard: Tres Palmas

Harvest Dates: 8.19.21 – 9.3.21 | **Production:** 541 Cases

Fermentation: 56% Neutral French Oak Barrels, 30% Stainless Steel Tanks, and 14% Concrete Eggs

Aging: 2 months in Neutral Barrels, 5 months in Stainless Steel Tanks

Bottling Date: 3.7.22 | **Alcohol:** 13.5%



TASTING NOTES

A pale, straw hue in the glass, fragrant aromas of grapefruit, nectarine, lemon zest, mint and honeysuckle emerge over notes of graphite and wet stone. The palate hones further into bright notes of citrus and stone fruit with a refreshing profile and structure centered on fruit purity, tension and freshness. The wine offers enough texture and depth to thread through the vibrant acidity that finishes with a sustained, saline finish. The wine will be most enjoyable in the near term, and is recommended to be opened within three years of release.

VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was the second dry growing season in a sequence of historic drought years that began in 2020. Fortunately, our vineyards were on their fifth year of transition to dry farming, and the vines responded well to the drought conditions, achieving balanced growth and yielding a high-quality crop. This endurance was the result of the water deficit tolerance developed through dry farming in the previous years. We received 12 to 14 inches of total rain between Hamel Family Ranch and Nuns Canyon Vineyard — less than half of what we typically receive — with peak precipitation occurring in December 2020 and March 2021. After a cooler than average spring, the summer and the end of the season delivered normal warm and dry conditions. We began harvest with Sauvignon Blanc at Tres Palmas Vineyard on August 19th, and the harvest of the red grapes commenced on August 30th at Hamel Family Ranch and August 31st at Nuns Canyon Vineyard. Harvest was very compressed for the red varieties and ended on September 20th, marking the earliest finish to harvest we have on record. With a smaller crop load reflecting the conditions of the 2021 season, we found the wines to be characterized by balanced fruit, tremendous natural intensity, and power. Despite the historic drought conditions, we were able to dry-farm 74% of our total vineyards through the season.