

## **2023 SAUVIGNON BLANC** SAN MATEO VINEYARD, RUTHERFORD ESTATE NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: Rutherford Estate

VARIETAL: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**CASE PRODUCTION: 159** 

**MATURATION:** Stainless steel

**FOOD AFFINITIES:** Goat cheese, seafood, melon and prosciutto

## WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

"The Rutherford San Mateo Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc is a small fermentation that showcases the best of the aromatic Musque clone fruit. The initial pink grapefruit, lemon verbena and kiwi aromas give way to notes of lychee and finger lime on the palate. Stainless steel barrel fermented and aged on the lees, this elegant white has a smooth silky texture on entry with a crisp clean lingering acid finish." – Justin Carr

## **GROWING SEASON:**

In 2023 Napa Valley experienced one of the longest growing seasons in over a decade. With consistent, mild weather, above-average crop yields, and extended hang time, the 2023 vintage is exceptional, high-quality, and memorable. Winter and spring rains led to full reservoirs and healthy, saturated soils – ideal conditions as grape growers headed into bud break. The mild, warm summer weather that followed supported healthy canopy growth through bloom and set. Relatively cool weather throughout the growing season in tandem with abundant sunshine allowed grape skins to ripen slowly and develop maximal color components. Harvest kicked off around Labor Day Weekend for white wine grapes. Wines from this vintage are fresh, and elegant, and have an overall purity.

## LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated, organic farming system, using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egg-laying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens. All crops are certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.

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