

Heitz Cellar

2018 Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley



Winemaker's Insight

Hearing the energetic “pop” of the cork while opening this bottle of wine sets the tone for enjoying this fruit forward Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc made in our signature Heitz style. Our Sauvignon Blanc is grown on our Ink Grade Vineyard from a combination of hillside and valley fruit. The hillside aspect of this vineyard produces fruit with notes of sweet mango, papaya, pineapple and lychee, while the valley floor sections provide a balance with subtle notes reminiscent of plantain, fresh banana peel and zest of lemon and lime. Well-balanced acidity gives life and lift to this wine, making it the perfect addition to your spring and summertime “go-to” line up. Drink this wine chilled and you be thrilled with its ability to provide some respite on warm weather days.

- Brittany Sherwood, Winemaker

2018 Vintage

The 2018 vintage was Mother Nature’s reminder that patience and vigilance are necessary qualities when farming. The cooler weather throughout summer and into August translated to a later than normal start, harvesting our first pick on September 5th. Cycles of warmer and cooler weather caused maturity in waves, harvesting our Howell Mountain grapes first and then transitioning to our valley floor vineyards, ending with a picking frenzy leading up to the end, October 31st. Some rain in the middle of the season caused some concern, but the warm, dry weather that followed dried out the canopies and continued the grapes’ path to ripeness. This season’s longer hang time translated to perfect phenolic maturity and once the 2018 wines were in tank, we were pleased with the concentration showing so early.

Wine Data

Varietal Composition: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

AVA: Napa Valley

Alc. by vol: 13.5%

pH: 3.00

TA g/L: 6.8

Aging Regime: Fermented and aged 4 months in 100% stainless steel tank.

Stewardship: Certified organic by CCOF; Fish Friendly Farming

Harvest Date: September 5 to September 19, 2018

Release Date: March 1, 2019

Cases produced: 5,600

Founded in 1961, Heitz Cellar is a Napa Valley legend that has helped shape the history of Napa Valley winemaking. Pioneering vintner Joe Heitz ushered in Napa’s modern era with his iconic, globally-celebrated wines, including Napa Valley’s first vineyard-designated Cabernet Sauvignon, the renowned Heitz Cellar Martha’s Vineyard. In 2018, the winery entered an exciting new chapter as the Heitz family passed this rich legacy into the hands of the Lawrence family, whose deep roots in agriculture and commitment to the same core values of fine winemaking made it a perfect match. Made with an unwavering commitment to quality from organically farmed, 100% Napa Valley fruit, Heitz celebrates its agrarian roots and commitment to the stewardship of Napa Valley.