

# INK GRADE

## 2019 SAUVIGNON BLANC

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley. Amongst densely forested pines and sequoia stands, it lies in the north-east corner of the Howell Mountain AVA with a predominant view facing East. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slope, this mountainside vineyard grasps to volcanic “tufa” soils. Ink Grade Estate possesses a raw tension that renders fruit of immense intensity and depth. If ever there was a site which imparted a feeling of reverence, Ink Grade is such a place.

### PURE CALIFORNIA

This is Sauvignon Blanc from California. We possess ample sunlight hours and therefore our Sauvignon Blanc will and should retain tropical components (passionfruit, honeydew, grapefruit). And because of the volcanic “tufa” soils at Ink Grade and how this site ripens, we often retain an herbal/mineral backdrop (lemongrass and slate). We must farm vigilantly to retain these aromatics while at the same time preserving the natural acidity that is needed to keep these wines lifted and never heavy. Yet we would be remiss if we didn't praise the structure of this wine. Working with concrete, stainless steel and large oak vessels to marry textures and weights; working with lees to enhance the saline quality; and pressing longer to build structure and expose a minor note of bitterness on the finish; We are extremely proud of the poise this wine has and know that it will be a pillar for California Sauvignon Blanc.

100% NAPA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC

HARVEST DATE: AUGUST 28, 2019

BARREL AGING: 100% FRENCH OAK (60% NEW, 40% USED)

BOTTLED ON AUGUST 18, 2020

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

TA: 6.87 G/L

PH: 3.10

626 CASES PRODUCED