

# INK GRADE

## 2020 SAUVIGNON BLANC

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley, lying in the northeast corner of the Howell Mountain AVA. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slopes, this mountainside vineyard clings 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 that imparted a feeling of reverence, Ink Grade is such a place.

### A SAUVIGNON BLANC OF TENSION AND OPULENCE

This Sauvignon Blanc possesses tropical components of passionfruit, honeydew, and grapefruit due to the ample sunlight hours present in our vineyard. The volcanic “tufa” soils and unique ripening conditions add an herbal and mineral backdrop of lemongrass and slate. We 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. Working with concrete, stainless steel, and large oak vessels to marry textures and weight, 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 in this wine and know that it will be a pillar for Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc.

### 2020 VINTAGE INSIGHTS

The 2020 Sauvignon Blanc is a wine of extraordinary precision and nuance. Sourced from vines planted in 1996 in volcanic soil, the nose expresses aromatic white flowers, notes of flint, and citrus curd. The medium-bodied palate carries the integration of oak with grace and sophistication, supported by a racy backbone and subtly creamy texture. A beautiful balance between opulence and tension, the finish is long and mineral laced.

– MASTER SOMMELIER AND MANAGING PARTNER CARLTON MCCOY JR., MAY 2022

AVA & VARIETAL: 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC | NAPA VALLEY

HARVEST DATE: AUGUST 17, 2020

AGING: AGED IN LARGE FORMAT BARRELS AND CONCRETE FOR 9 MONTHS TO MAINTAIN AND EXPRESS THE PURITY AND PEDIGREE OF THIS VINEYARD

BOTTLED ON JULY 20, 2021

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

TA: 3.11G/L

PH: 5.95

PRODUCTION: 543 CASES