

# INK GRADE

## 2021 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 expresses 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. 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

“A bright and refreshing wine that balances the raw tension of the vineyard with aromatic complexity, the 2021 Sauvignon Blanc presents notes of guava, white nectarine, citrus blossom, and a whisper of salinity. The mid-palate has a subtle weight, which is complemented by vibrant acidity and minerality with a finish that is lengthy and harmonious.”

– WINEMAKER, MATT TAYLOR, JULY 2023

AVA: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC

AGING: 9 MONTHS IN A COMBINATION OF CONCRETE, STAINLESS STEEL AND FRENCH OAK BARRELS (25% NEW)

HARVEST DATE: AUGUST 12-17, 2024

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

VINEYARD BLOCKS: DIAMONDBACK, POPE'S GOLD

PRODUCTION: 463 CASES