

INK GRADE



2023 SAUVIGNON BLANC

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, 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.

2023 VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

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. A refreshing and vibrant wine with excellent acidity, our 2023 Sauvignon Blanc is the most exceptional vintage to date from a vintage that is destined to be legendary in Napa Valley. Produced from older vines, this wine expresses notes of guava paste, mandarin orange, honeysuckle, Mirabelle plum, and elderflowers. Decanting this wine elevates all its elements now, or it will open on its own in 2026. We are extremely proud of the poise of this wine, year in and year out.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

VARIETALS

100% Sauvignon Blanc

AVA

Napa Valley

VINEYARD DETAILS

Pope's Gold

HARVEST DATES

8/28/23

ÉLEVAGE

10 months in concrete egg (50%), stainless steel (25%) and large format french oak (600L and oval cask; 50% of this is new)

ABV

12.5%

CASES PRODUCED

1,202 9L cases

ECO FARMING INITIATIVES

Certified CCOF Organic, with Biodynamic practices

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