

INK GRADE

2022 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, 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.

2022 VINTAGE INSIGHTS

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 2022 Sauvignon Blanc is the most exceptional vintage to date. Produced from older vines, this wine expresses notes of star fruit, lemongrass, nectarine, Meyer lemon zest, and a natural salinity reminiscent of ocean fog. The weight and texture of the palate are held together by the bright acidity, leading to a lengthy finish. 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.

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AVA: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC

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

HARVEST DATES: 8/15/22

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

VINEYARD BLOCKS: POPE'S GOLD

PRODUCTION: 2,456 CASES