



2021 SAUVIGNON BLANC

Tasting Notes

Sauvignon Blanc is one of my favorite grapes to work with. It's a versatile grape that's perfect for producing different styles of wine and the estate site allows it to show its versatility and full aromatic potential. Fresh, intensely expressive, but seriously elegant! The 2021 Ehlers Estate Sauvignon Blanc is a pale-yellow wine with super intense aromas of peach, citrus, grapefruit, honeydew melon, vanilla, and white flowers. Mouthfeel is pleasantly velvety despite the tart acidity in the long finish. Freshly cut grass, lemon tart, orange candy, and lime zest, with some tropical peachy finish. Great mouthfeel and complexity, but vibrant acidity. Drinkable right now, on any occasion, but better in good company. It will age well for 3-5 more years.

Vintage

The 2021 vintage was a well-deserved easy vintage in the Napa Valley. The vintage will be remembered for low yields with intense-flavored, small-sized berries and a smooth and uneventful harvest. The lack of rain during Winter and Spring put every grower to work early in the season to assure vines were receiving enough water and nutrients. At Ehlers Estate, we have three wells that supply enough water when needed, plus we work with Tule sensors and second drip lines to ensure precise irrigation. Our yields were only 20% down, which was much better than forecasted. With very few heat events, mild temperatures during the growing season allowed flavor and phenolic development to happen slowly. Our Sauvignon Blanc was harvested in mid-August, while the red wine harvest started a few weeks earlier than previous years.

Varietal: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Harvest: August 2021

Wine Analysis: 13.4 % alcohol / 3.16 pH

Aging: Fermented and aged for 6 months in 27.9% concrete egg, 15.4% Once French

oak puncheon, 35.6% Stainless Steel, 21.1% used French oak barrels

Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley Bottling Date: February, 2022

Cases Produced: 750 cases