

VARIETAL COLLECTION
Sauvignon Blanc
BY CALDWELL

2020

Vintage: Twelveth
Composition: 100% Sauvignon Blanc
Clones: 317 and 376
Appellation: Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Block: Caldwell 6 and 7
Yield: 3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age: 9 Years
Grape Variety: See Composition Section
Rootstock: 101-14
Harvest Date: August 20 and 31, 2019

Vintage Summary: The 2020 Vintage was mostly identified by the fires here in Napa Valley. Our whites and roses were all picked prior to any fires, luckily. A shorter, warmer growing season than the previous two seasons, 2020 appears to be showing traits in the wines similar to 2017. The whites started pouring in the winery with the roses almost two and a half weeks prior to 2019, but at optimal sugars, and a full spectrum of flavors.

Fermentation: French Oak Barrels, 40% New
Yeast: Multiple
ML: None
Wood Origin: French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé, and Center of France)
Aging: 6 Months
New Oak Barrels: 40%
Fining: None
Filtering: Filtered
Alcohol: 14.5%
Bottling Date: March 11, 2021

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The 2020 VCB SB from our special North-facing amphitheater-shaped vineyard shows surprising verve and poise for such a warm year. On the nose it leads with beautifully dense tropicality, light toasted sweet vanilla oak notes, jasmine flower, a kiss of lemongrass, and lychee. The attack resonates with layers of cooked bosc and fresh Asian pears, green cantaloupe, and presents itself overall with surprising freshness and salinity. Slightly higher ABV than typical years due to the warmer weather, the finish lingers with a hint of sweetness in sync with the 40% new French oak used for fermentation.

Cellaring: Now – 3 Years
Production: 141 Cases
Price: \$50 /750ml

