

Animo

2019 HERITAGE SAUVIGNON BLANC | NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

The genesis of great wines is great vineyards. Our Oso Vineyard, located between Sugarloaf Mountain and Howell Mountain in the great Napa Valley, is truly a special labor of love. In 2004, our family planted this spot with cuttings from one of the best-known rootstocks of Sauvignon Blanc with origins tracing to the esteemed Château d'Yquem and which first made its way to California via Charles Wetmore, renowned wine pioneer of the 1880s. Ten years after planting and using the same trellising methods from the 19th century, we made our first vintage of Sauvignon Blanc. Since then, our Heritage Block has delivered beautiful Sauvignon Blanc, vintage after vintage.

VINTAGE NOTES

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant & expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure, and tannins. Yield size is slightly below average. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture promises an amazing vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermentation commenced in temperature-controlled micro stainless-steel tanks until sugar conversion was half complete. From there, the must was transferred to barrel with 15% of the final blend fermented and aged in new French oak and the balance held in 1- to 2-year-old neutral French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Animo Heritage Sauvignon Blanc is a medium straw color, and has a captivating white peach, vanilla bean, brioche, and lemongrass aromatics. As the wine evolves in the glass, notes of lime zest, yuzu, and blood orange begin to showcase. Rich in texture, there are intense flavors of apricot, lemon curd, and nectarine. It is powerful, sophisticated, round & long on the palate, with all the hallmarks of the Loire valley yet wholly California interpretation of the Sauvignon Blanc grape.

BLEND: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

AGING: 15% new French oak for 7 months, 85% neutral French oak

ALCOHOL 13.9%; TA 7.8 g/L; pH 3.2

CASES PRODUCED 200

SRP: \$65



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