

2019 DCV3 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC – DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

For nearly 50 years, Dry Creek Vineyard has been a leader in Sauvignon Blanc in California. Winery founder David Stare was the first person to plant the Sauvignon Blanc varietal in the Dry Creek Valley in our DCV3 Vineyard, against the advice of many viticultural experts. In typical fashion, Dave forged ahead in pursuit of this dream. Many years later, Sauvignon Blanc is now the most widely planted white variety in the Dry Creek Valley, and his daughter Kim and her husband Don have elevated the winery's Sauvignon Blanc program to new heights.

GROWING SEASON

Overall, 2019 was a mild growing season with a later start to the summer. This seasonal shift led to a longer hang time, which allowed for even ripening and full berry development, while retaining natural acidity. Harvest started about one week later than average compared to the last handful of vintages, and the mild growing conditions led to a very long season – fruit was being harvested for nearly 70 days! This extended season allowed us to pick each vineyard block at an ideal level of ripeness to produce balanced, flavorful wines with complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Just across the historic Lambert Bridge lies our DCV3 Vineyard. With 16 acres under vine, this unique vineyard is the backbone of our Sauvignon Blanc program. The 2019 vintage displays intense aromas of lemon, grapefruit, white peach and snap pea. After a few minutes, softer nuances of jasmine and cucumber come forward. The palate is bursting with vibrant flavors of lemon, lime and grapefruit with hints of passionfruit and watermelon rind. The bright acidity of this crisp and refreshing wine is preserved by stainless steel fermentation.

RELEASE DATE	May 2020
BLEND	100% Sauvignon Blanc
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	August 30, 2019
ALCOHOL	13.2%
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel fermented at an average of 52°F for about 19 days
BRIX	Average 20.2
PH	3.24
TA	7.2g/L
SOILS	Sandy Yolo gravelly loam
VINE AGE	8 years
YIELDS	Approximately 4 tons per acre

