



2022 BLACK LABEL SAUVIGNON BLANC

Andrews Family Vineyards, Horse Heaven Hills AVA, Washington State

TASTING NOTES

Our 2022 Black Label Sauvignon Blanc marks a milestone as our first barrel-aged and fermented Sauvignon Blanc. This wine underwent an extended cold soak for enhanced skin contact, followed by ample bâtonnage and extended lees aging, resulting in a complex and richly textured profile.

The nose offers an enticing bouquet of mango, lemon, and ripe grapefruit, framed by soft undertones of white spring blossoms. The creamy texture, a result of the bâtonnage, is beautifully complemented by hints of honeycomb, lemon bar, and crystalline peach. A subtle hint of salinity adds an intriguing layer to the wine's refreshing acidity.

Inspired by the meticulous craftsmanship of Didier Dagueneau, this Sauvignon Blanc marries vibrant fruit flavors with refined texture and near-endless aging potential. Enjoy now with a healthy decant or cellar for further development.

GROWING SEASON

2022 was the second hottest on record at Andrews Family Vineyards, but no one could have guessed we would cross that threshold as we approached October. The year began as the coolest and wettest year in the last fifteen, with copious spring rainfall and a mid-April frost that left many Washington growers concerned about whether we would have a crop in 2022. The vines recovered, and as late as August, we were taking measures to account for the lack of ripening weather.

Then, fall unfolded into the most gorgeous in recent memory with summer-like days and cool nights, developing the diurnal shifts necessary to ripen the near-tropical flavors we needed while retaining the freshness and acidity we prefer in our Sauvignon Blanc.

VINIFICATION

We skin-contact soaked our 2022 Sauvignon Blanc for 12 hours after harvest. Once gently pressed and cold settled, the must was fermented and aged *sur lie* in once filled French oak. Extended aging on lees with regular stirring brought out this Sauvignon Blanc's finest varietal characteristics.