



STARMONT

WINERY AND VINEYARDS

2018 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc



From the time Starmont first appeared on a label in 1989, the name has been recognized for classically styled varietal wines that are expressive and approachable. Now, nearly 30 years later, led by Winemaker Jeff Crawford Starmont is producing some of their best wines ever as part of the Merryvale Family of Wines. Focused on sustainability and making the highest quality wines, the Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard has been Napa Green Certified since 2007.

Winemaking

This wine represents Napa Valley style Sauvignon Blanc which means complexity on the nose and balance. Sourced from different regions within the valley, each site contributes its own distinct expression to the final blend and provides a different aspect of the varietal. After being handpicked and sorted, 93% of the fruit was whole cluster pressed and the rest de-stemmed with the juice cold soaked with the skins for 24 hours before being pressed. Fermentation was in a combination of stainless steel tanks (57%) and neutral French oak barrels (43%). We achieve balance by picking at different times, employing neutral barrel fermentation with lees stirring and 7% overnight skin contact. The wine was aged 4 months in neutral French oak barrels, and will continue to develop nicely for 2-3 years from vintage.

Wine Notes

Our goal is complexity on the nose with nice fresh notes (lime leaf and lemongrass), citrus notes (key lime), floral notes (citrus blossom), and tropical notes (guava, lychee, pineapple), which is achieved by sourcing from many different vineyards and using different clones of Sauvignon Blanc including the distinctively floral Musque clone. The key for our Sauvignon Blanc is balancing mouthwatering acidity with a nice roundness. The result is a complex, balanced wine that can be enjoyed either on its own or with food.

<i>AVA:</i>	<i>Napa Valley</i>
<i>Composition:</i>	<i>100% Sauvignon Blanc</i>
<i>Alcohol:</i>	<i>13.0%</i>
<i>TA:</i>	<i>8.1 g/L</i>
<i>pH:</i>	<i>3.22</i>