



2017 SAUVIGNON BLANC

MCGINLEY VINEYARD SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

529 CASES PRODUCED

Often our Sauvignon Blanc moves across the palate with bat-like urgency, a nimble cutting path driven by racy acidity. This 2017 bottling cuts too, but in a more rounded and graceful kind of way than our norm: if you can picture the way a duck cleaves water when it lands, that rounded initial impact and gliding momentum might paint a picture of the difference here.

Some of the more laid back nature of this bottling comes from our tinkering. Our Sauvignon Blanc drinks so, so well after 2-4 years in bottle, unfortunately when most people have drunk it already. We love the powerful, dense Sauvignon Blanc that our low-yielding cordon-trained vines provide, but out of curiosity about how it might open up a bit, we experimented with blending in small amounts of fruit sourced from the more fruitful cane-pruned vines planted nearby. The effect is subtle (with the vineyard elements remaining the same), but meaningful in terms of the drinking window.

Before, our Sauvignon Blanc needed that 2-4 years for the fruit to expand into the structure of the wine, whereas this 2017 is truly drinking great right now. There's some cushion of fruit with elongated curves and more forgiving edges, but no shortage of acidity in the prickly fresh finish. Expect the familiar crunchy asian pear, green apple and mineral elements of our McGinley, but also enjoy the pungency of floral fragrance in the 2017—with some air the citrus blossom aroma gets downright heady!

We recently poured the 2006 Sauvignon Blanc on our tasting room's Library Flight, which was a similar vintage. After twelve years in bottle that wine has terrific vibrancy and depth, just outstanding with some oysters!

BLEND 100% Sauvignon Blanc

VINEYARDS McGinley

AVA Happy Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley

ALCOHOL 13%

VINIFICATION 100% Neutral French Oak

BARREL AGING 9 Months

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