

2018 STAR LANE SAUVIGNON BLANC
STAR LANE VINEYARD, HAPPY CANYON OF SANTA BARBARA
\$22

ALCOHOL
13.4%

AGED
7 months

OAK
45% Neutral French
55% Stainless Steel

HARVESTED
August 2018

BOTTLED
March 2019

CELLAR LIFE
3-7 years



VINTAGE

2018 followed in the footsteps of our 2017 Star Lane vintage. We experienced another winter with lighter rainfall, transitioning into Santa Barbara County's new norm. Limited cluster counts and a cool spring which impacts fruit set at flowering, brought yields that again would be restrained to lower than average. The threat of frost damage would prove ephemeral, and the remainder of the season showcased even temperatures producing a consistent and steady ripening pattern and a return to normal vine maturation. Harvest began in long slow breaths, which gave ample time to thoughtfully process the fruit, allowing us to highlight the freshness and aromatics of the season. The clusters developed the classic texture and complexity that Bordeaux fruit from this vineyard site has become increasingly renowned for.

WINEMAKER NOTES

With such an even ripening process throughout the season, we noted that the fruit developed the vivid citrus and melon flavor profile that we've come to know and love of Star Lane Sauvignon Blanc. Still focusing on the preservation of aromatics from stainless steel, we also chose to ferment and age the blend in large 1,400 gallon neutral oak foudres. The wine established layers of round, subtle texture that complimented the austerity of stainless steel aging. After several blending trials, we conceded to the addition of a touch of Semillon to assist in preserving the balance and compelling aromatics of this classic vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Aromatically, heavenly-perfumed citrus, white peach and green tea emerge from the glass to give a sense of weight and depth we've increasingly noted from these blocks. However, the palate delivers a surprise as this wine illustrates amazing complexity and contends to be a textural paradox! Capitalizing on a backbone of bursting fresh citrus and clean minerality, mingling with a touch of ripe tropical fruits and honeyed Semillon, this vintage stuns non-believers of California Sauvignon Blanc. A natural crowd pleaser, this wine provides hedonistic pleasure perfectly suited to warm and pleasant afternoons lounging on the porch. Best enjoyed in the company of friends old and new. Cheers!

