



Accendo
Cellars



Napa Valley
SAUVIGNON BLANC
2022

"This wine is loaded with texture, complexity and balanced richness – the result of one growing season, a decade of learning the vineyards that contribute to the blend, and 30 years of experience working alongside our family's longtime friend and consulting winemaker Françoise Peschon."

- Jaime Araujo & Greg Araujo, partners

TASTING NOTES

Our 10th vintage of Accendo Cellars Sauvignon Blanc offers an alluring nose with zesty aromas of lemon curd, pink peppercorn, and a gardenia-filled garden. A green bouquet of lavender, chamomile, sage and mint are complemented by fragrant raw honey. Racy acidity and a hint of salinity give the palate a beautiful lift, while waxy minerality adds a soft, creamy texture, enhancing a long, elegant finish.

PHILOSOPHY

The wine is powerful, yet it possesses a delicacy and artfulness that can only come with a winemaking philosophy that honors the integrity of the fruit and the vineyard's terroir. We give this wine extra time in barrel and bottle prior to each release, resulting in an exquisitely balanced Sauvignon Blanc that is aromatically complex, concentrated in flavor and richly textured – a wine influenced by both a Graves from Bordeaux and a Sauvignon Blanc from the New World.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 growing season began with dry conditions during the first three months of the year, which promoted an early bud break in March and vines flowering in April. No concerning heat spikes allowed for early and even ripening throughout the summer with veraison appearing in mid-July.

Warm days and cool nights led to another early harvest, which thankfully beat the Labor Day heat wave experienced in Northern California. The lack of rainfall resulted in reduced yields, however the fruit that was harvested possessed great acidity and freshness, two markers for fruit that we believe contribute to a balanced wine.

VARIETAL BLEND

28% Sauvignon Blanc, Ehrlich Vineyard
25% Sauvignon Blanc, Rancho Pequeño
18% Sauvignon Blanc, Juliana Vineyard
19% Semillon, Rancho Pequeño
10% Sauvignon Musque, Rancho Pequeño

HAND HARVESTED

August 17 - September 8, 2022

WINEMAKING

Whole cluster pressed, fermented and aged sur lie with weekly bâtonnage in new and used French oak barrels and stainless steel drums.

ALCOHOL

13.9%

PRODUCTION

543 cases

ACCOLADES

95pts



94pts

vinous



ACCENDO (Latin, Verb):
TO ILLUMINATE, TO INSPIRE, TO AROUSE

VINEYARDS

Our Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from three uniquely different but complementary sites: Rancho Pequeño in Oakville, Juliana Vineyard in Pope Valley and new in 2022, the Ehrlich Vineyard in Oakville. At Accendo Cellars, we work with owners and growers who sustainably farm their land and believe, as we do, that great wines are made in the vineyard. The vineyards we source today are a testament to that belief, and share some common characteristics:

- Unique terroir, with signature characteristics, found only at that site
- Consistency of the fruit every year
- Ability to produce high quality in challenging vintages