



Accendo
Cellars



Napa Valley
SAUVIGNON BLANC
2018

"I love the balance of floral, fruit and minerality - each one displayed in perfect equilibrium."

- Françoise Peschon, winemaker

TASTING NOTES

Heady floral fragrances of jasmine and honeysuckle add exotic notes to the fruit aromas of guava, green apple, white nectarine and kiwi, nuanced by touches of Kafir lime, lemongrass and marzipan. In the mouth, the fleshy, supple and succulent texture is brightened by fresh acidity, with a lingering minerality prolonging the finish. A blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Sauvignon Musqué and Semillon, the wine is intense, bright, creamy and gorgeous

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.

VINEYARDS

Our Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from two uniquely different but complementary sites: Rancho Pequeño in Oakville and Ryan's Vineyard in Oak Knoll. 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

VINTAGE NOTES

2018 in Napa Valley will be remembered as a moderate growing season. After soaking rains in March and April, fruitful buds and consistent temperatures during bloom in late May resulted in almost perfect fruit set. Summer months were characterized by mild temperatures, and with veraison finishing in July, the full clusters benefitted from long hang times in cool weather, maintaining their freshness and acidity.

VARIETAL BLEND

73% Sauvignon Blanc, 20% Semillon, and 7% Sauvignon Musqué

HAND HARVESTED

September 4th - 19th

WINEMAKING

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

ALCOHOL

14.2%

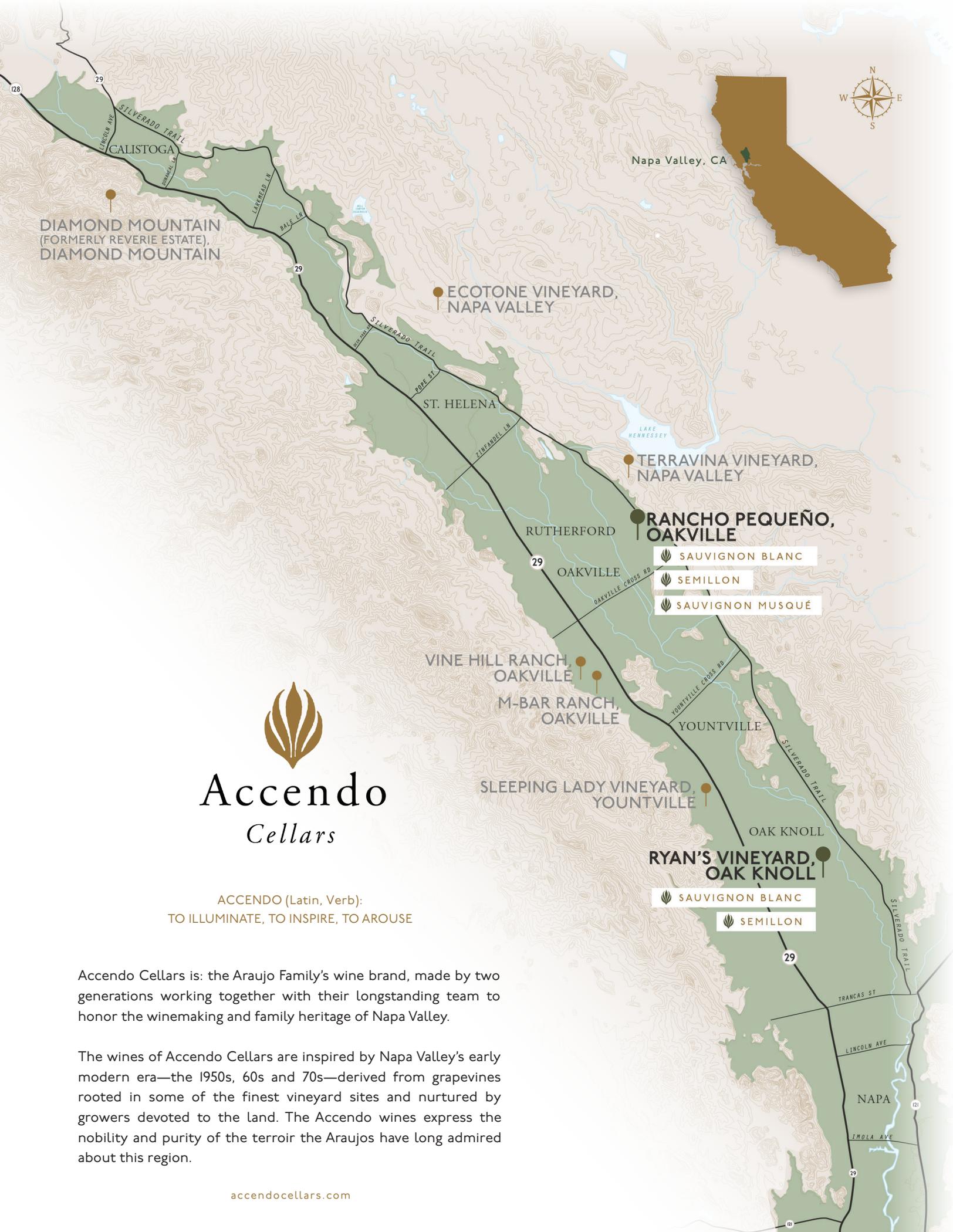
PRODUCTION

943 cases

ACCOLADES

94pts | **vinous**

93+ pts | *Robert Parker*
WINE ADVOCATE



DIAMOND MOUNTAIN
(FORMERLY REVERIE ESTATE),
DIAMOND MOUNTAIN

ECOTONE VINEYARD,
NAPA VALLEY

Napa Valley, CA

TERRAVINA VINEYARD,
NAPA VALLEY

RANCHO PEQUEÑO,
OAKVILLE

- SAUVIGNON BLANC
- SEMILLON
- SAUVIGNON MUSQUÉ

VINE HILL RANCH,
OAKVILLE

M-BAR RANCH,
OAKVILLE

SLEEPING LADY VINEYARD,
YOUNTVILLE

YOUNTVILLE

OAK KNOLL

RYAN'S VINEYARD,
OAK KNOLL

- SAUVIGNON BLANC
- SEMILLON

Accendo Cellars

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

Accendo Cellars is: the Araujo Family's wine brand, made by two generations working together with their longstanding team to honor the winemaking and family heritage of Napa Valley.

The wines of Accendo Cellars are inspired by Napa Valley's early modern era—the 1950s, 60s and 70s—derived from grapevines rooted in some of the finest vineyard sites and nurtured by growers devoted to the land. The Accendo wines express the nobility and purity of the terroir the Araujos have long admired about this region.