

*King Estate*  
Family Owned & Farmed



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## OREGON SAUVIGNON BLANC

King Estate has crafted a uniquely Oregon style Sauvignon Blanc that showcases our favorite characteristics of this varietal from the two regions in the world most famous for it: New Zealand and Sancerre in France. New Zealand brings fresh, fruit-forward flavors. The French style is rich with more minerality. The result is a wine that just might redefine how we think about Sauvignon Blanc.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine has beautiful aromatics with bright notes of lemon and other citrus, joined by hints of pineapple, papaya, boxwood, white flower and anise. The first taste shows bright acidity and flavorful fruit of lemon, pineapple, mango, peach skin, gooseberry and wet stone. The finish is full bodied and complex, with a bouquet that lingers.

### WINEMAKING PROCESS

The majority of the fruit was fermented in stainless steel with the balance in concrete and neutral oak barrels. To preserve aromatics the wine was cool fermented with weekly battonnage, where the lees are stirred back into the wine to build richness. Stirring continued during aging until blending.

### VINTAGE NOTES

A highly successful vintage began with cool, wet conditions in the spring that delayed budbreak, foreshadowing a late harvest. That concern dissipated with a dramatic warming trend that began with budbreak in late April and continued into June. Bloom occurred in mid-June, making this the shortest period between budbreak and bloom since King Estate's founding. Perfect summer weather was briefly interrupted by a short heat spike in mid-August when highs hit triple digits. Harvest began Sept. 12 with first fruit in from our own estate vineyard, which hasn't happened in recent memory. After a brief interruption for a storm, harvest ramped back up on Oct. 1 and finished on Oct. 14, right before more rains arrived. Wine quality from this vintage appears to be outstanding.

**Varietals:** 98% Sauvignon Blanc, 2% Semillon

**Vineyards:** 18% Ramona, 16% Barakel, 14% Five Fourteen, 13% Willig, 8% Agate Ridge, 6% Foothill, 5% Celtic Moon, 4% King Estate, 16% Other

**AVA:** Oregon

**Alcohol:** 14.1%