



# 2017 Sauvignon Blanc

## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

HARVESTED	September 7, 2017
ALCOHOL	14.2%
TA	.77
pH	3.13
CASES	151
AGING	5 months in Neutral French Oak
ESTATE BOTTLED	February 15, 2018
WINEMAKER	Jason De Loach



### THE VINEYARD

Sauvignon Blanc demands a cooler climate allowing the distinctive flavors of the grape to mature and develop. The southern reaches of the Russian River Valley produce just such conditions. These 20-year old vines stretch along the front 5 acres of the Hook & Ladder Estate Winery on Olivet Road.

### THE GROWTH

Coming off one of the wettest winters on record, the 2017 growing season soon normalized with bud break occurring later than that of the drought years. Throughout summer we saw numerous heat waves that sped the maturation of the vines while a cooler August allowed this pinot noir to ripen more slowly and evenly leading up to the pick.

### THE WINEMAKING

Our Sauvignon Blanc is crushed and de-stemmed immediately to press, then the juice is fermented in neutral French oak barrels.

### THE WINE

Our pale straw colored Sauvignon Blanc leads off with a rich bouquet of apricot, melon, and a hint of jasmine. A full and immediate flavor of nectarine and citrus flows into a bright dry keylime finish.

