



# 2019 Sauvignon Blanc

## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

<b>HARVESTED</b>	September 25, 2019
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	13.8%
<b>TA</b>	.64
<b>pH</b>	3.23
<b>CASES</b>	1,784
<b>AGING</b>	5 months in Neutral French Oak and Stainless Steel
<b>ESTATE BOTTLED</b>	February 25, 2020
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	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 coolest and wettest winters in recent memory, bud break arrived about two weeks later than normal. Beyond this slow start to the growing season, we saw multiple heat spikes throughout the summer that brought the maturation of the vines more in line with seasons past.

### THE WINEMAKING

Our Sauvignon Blanc is crushed and de-stemmed immediately to press, then the juice is fermented in a combination of neutral French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks.

### THE WINE

Our 2019 Sauvignon Blanc shines with a pale lemon chiffon color and aromas of citrus and muskmelon. The palate offers full flavors of lime zest, passion fruit heightened by its lingering lychee, trace green apple finish.

