



# Round Pond

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Round Pond Estate, owned and operated by the MacDonnell family, is a highly sought-after and respected ultra-premium Cabernet Sauvignon producer specializing in the creation of pure, expressive wines, artisan foods, and unforgettable experiences—all from the heart of Napa Valley.



## ACCOLADES

2017 VINTAGE: 97 PTS SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION & DOUBLE GOLD, 90 PTS WINE SPECTATOR, 94 PTS VIVINO

2014 VINTAGE: 90 PTS + DAILY PICK WINE SPECTATOR & 90 PTS WINE ENTHUSIAST

2013 VINTAGE: 90 PTS + TOP 100 WINE WINE SPECTATOR

2011 VINTAGE: 90 PTS WINE ENTHUSIAST & TOP VALUE WINE SPECTATOR

## WINEMAKING NOTES

This wine is focused on purity of fruit; it is a flip book of the varietal as it ripens on our Rutherford estate. We capture different snapshots of the grape's character by making three picking passes during harvest. This provides the wine with multiple layers of fruit starting with zesty citrus, moving to stone fruits, progressing to melons, and finishing with a hint of exotic tropical fruits. Each of these aromatic profiles represents the different ripeness levels at which the clusters were picked.

## TASTING NOTES

The aromatics of this warm-weather sipper are bright, playful and tropical, teasing the taste buds with a bouquet of papaya, mango and honeydew melon. The wine dances across the palate delivering everything promised by the bouquet including layers of white peach, ripe pear, granny smith apples and candied grapefruit. As you enjoy this wine, it continues to evolve beautifully, finishing with silky tones and refreshing minerality; notes of lime zest, mandarin orange, and limestone linger delightfully for minutes.

## VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

The 2017 season started with a memorable amount of rainfall, which was a refreshing change after five years of drought conditions. Summer brought numerous 100+ degree heat spikes, which made our daily checks on sugar, flavors and acids helpful in ensuring an earlier harvest than past vintages. Hand-harvested in mid-August and pressed as whole clusters, the wine was aged exclusively in stainless steel without malolactic fermentation. The resulting wine is a refreshing expression of this alluring grape, Sauvignon Blanc.

WINEMAKERS: Jaime "JJ" Dowell & Thomas Rivers Brown

VARIETALS: 100% Sauvignon Blanc (Clone: 1, 530 & Sauvignon Musque)

FERMENTATION: 100% stainless steel, no malolactic fermentation

RELEASE DATE: February 1st, 2018

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2017 RUTHERFORD SAUVIGNON BLANC