



# Round Pond

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The Reserve family of wines honors matriarch Jannine MacDonnell's family who created exceptional wine in the early 1920's. We carry on this tradition with these incredibly special wines that combine this legacy with our family's 40 years of winegrowing experience in the Napa Valley.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

The Reserve Sauvignon Blanc is made in a ripe, rich, and forward style. The grapes are harvested later in the season when the tropical notes are at their peak. Fermentation occurs naturally in subtle, water-bent French oak barrels; increasing the perception of sweetness on the nose and adding layers of complexity. The wine is kept on its lees but does not go through malolactic fermentation. While this elegant wine will provide easy enjoyment for all, the depth and complex nature found here will provide ample opportunity for the seasoned palate to contemplate the experience.

## TASTING NOTES

Estate grown, barrel aged in French oak and made in small production, this wine is another show-stopper from the 2018 vintage. Our Reserve Sauvignon Blanc grapes are harvested later in the season, allowing the tropical notes to peak. The wine is then aged in oak barrel to layer more depth and richness to deliver a ripe, forward style white wine fitting for the spring season to come.

## VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

2018 vintage had a near-perfect growing season that began in late February. Spring was mild, with extended flowering yielding uniform grape clusters. Steady, warm temperatures made for a cool, unhurried harvest, and our healthy leaf canopies, allowed the fruit to hang longer and ripen very slowly on the vine. Harvest began with our Sauvignon Blanc in late August wrapped the first week of November with our Cabernet Sauvignon. The extended time on the vine and the temperate weather gave a fantastic concentration of ripe flavor and density to the grapes along with high acidity in the wines, resulting in a vintage with natural balance and finesse.

WINEMAKERS: Thomas Rivers Brown & John Wilson

VARIETALS: 89% Sauvignon Blanc, 11% Semillon

FERMENTATION: 100% Barrel Fermented in 28% New French Oak

RELEASE DATE: February 1st, 2020

SRP: \$45.00



2018 RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC