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VIRGINIA'S BLOCK Russian River Valley | Sonoma County
2018 SAUVIGNON BLANC

VINEYARD

Deep in the heart of the Russian River Valley, we have a five acre gem of Sauvignon Blanc. As a tribute to Davis Bynum's second love, who he found later in life, we named the five acres Virginia's Block. The vines are planted in east-west rows in shallow gravelly Huichica loam. The vines are cane pruned and trained to open up the canopy to allow the sunlight to touch the fruit. These fruit clusters turn golden through harvest, as the flavors become fully mature.

THE HARVEST

The 2018 growing season was fairly dry through spring with lower than average rainfall. Cooler weather dominated this vintage with only two brief and relatively mild heat spikes, making summer days pleasant throughout Sonoma County with highs in the 70s and 80s. August brought with it warmer temperatures and scattered drizzles before the very best fruit was selected and harvested on September 27th.

STYLE

We like to highlight the ripe fruit characteristics of Virginia's Block, while maintaining the acidity for the structure of the wine. The fruit was whole cluster pressed, and 75% fermented with native yeast while 25% was inoculated. The majority of the fruit was fermented in older French oak barrels and stainless steel drums to highlight mouthfeel and fresh acidity, while a smaller portion was fermented in Acacia puncheons to impart a twist of citrus and floral character. To preserve this wine's acidity, Virginia's Block does not undergo malolactic fermentation. After two and a half months aging we racked the wine to stabilize and settle in tank before bottling it unfiltered.

TASTE PROFILE

The 2018 Davis Bynum Sauvignon Blanc opens with bright notes of grapefruit, juicy stonefruit and a touch of jalapeño and green pepper. The body of the wine is medium in weight with tropical fruit, soft floral notes and a hint of grassiness ending in a clean finish with bright acidity. Enjoy this wine alongside fresh fish tacos with chipotle crema, lemon drizzled halibut or simply on its own.



HARVEST DATE
9.27.2018

AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST
22.9° Brix

VARIETAL
100% Sauvignon Blanc

APPELLATION
100% Russian River Valley

SOIL
Shallow, gravelly clay loam

VINEYARD
Virginia's Block, Jane's Vineyard,
Woolsey Road, Russian River Valley

pH	TA	ALC	PRODUCED
3.17	.77g/100mL	14.0%	1200 cases

WINEMAKERS
Greg Morthole
David Ramey (consulting)

CLONES	OAK AGING
Clone 1	10 weeks in 47% old French oak barrels, 37% stainless drums, 16% Acacia (8% new)

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FIRST SINGLE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Davis Bynum is distinguished as the first winery to produce a single vineyard Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley. The vintage was 1973 and the grapes were from Joe Rochioli's now prized vineyard. Today, our heritage of winemaking lives on through hand-crafted single vineyard wines grown in the Russian River Valley.