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VIRGINIA'S BLOCK Russian River Valley | Sonoma County 2019 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, 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 2019 vintage started off with copious amounts of rain saturating the soil in late winter, with even more rain lasting through spring. A hot June facilitated vine growth followed by a considerable heat spike in August, pushing the sugars up and allowing the berries to develop ripe flavors. With everything in balance for a beautiful harvest, we hand picked Virginia's Block in the cool early morning hours of September 25th.

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 fermented with four different yeasts. The majority was fermented in 3 to 4 year old French oak barrels which imbue a subtle richness to the wine with very low oak flavor. Steel drums are used to highlight a fresher acidity and fruit aromas while Acacia puncheons impart a twist of citrus and floral character. To preserve this wine's bright acidity, it does not undergo malolactic fermentation. The finished blend is gently fined and bottled unfiltered to leave the wine with as much flavor and aroma as possible.

TASTE PROFILE

Our 2019 vintage opens with bright grapefruit and quince notes highlighted by lime and herbal tones in the background. The body is supple with vibrant acidity creating a unique contrast on the palate with sweet and tart flavors featured prominently. This wine finishes with bright citrus and a lingering lemon zest. Enjoy this wine alongside soft cheeses, pickled golden beet salad or fresh caught oysters on the half shell.



HARVEST DATE 9.25.2019	AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST 23.6° 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 3.06	TA .73g/100mL
WINEMAKERS Greg Morthole	ALC 14.5%	CELLAR AGING 10 weeks in 51% old French oak barrels, 41% stainless drums, 8% new Acacia

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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 exclusively in the Russian River Valley.