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VIRGINIA'S BLOCK Russian River Valley | Sonoma County
2020 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

2020 was notable for being another dry growing season, with only a few showers throughout spring, milder weather through most of the year and lower yields at harvest. The dry season and judicious irrigation resulted in smaller leaves and canopy area, allowing the fruit to acclimate to greater light exposure than is typical. We hand-picked Virginia's block in the cool early morning of September 9.

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 lightly pressed and settled overnight before being inoculated with yeast and transferred to a combination of Acacia puncheons, two year old French oak barrels and stainless steel drums for fermentation. Each component was tasted and blended to highlight the very best characteristics of the fruit. To preserve this wine's bright acidity, it does not undergo malolactic fermentation. The finished blend is gently fined and was bottled in mid-February.

TASTE PROFILE

Our 2020 vintage opens with bright grapefruit and peach notes highlighted by lime and tropical tones. 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 nectarine. Enjoy this wine alongside soft cheeses, pickled golden beet salad or fresh caught oysters on the half shell.



HARVEST DATE 9.9.2020	AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST 23.3° 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 3.11	TA .76g/100mL
WINEMAKERS Greg Morthole	ALC 14.5%	CELLAR AGING 9 weeks in 42% Acacia, 34% stainless steel drums, 24% old French oak barrels
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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.