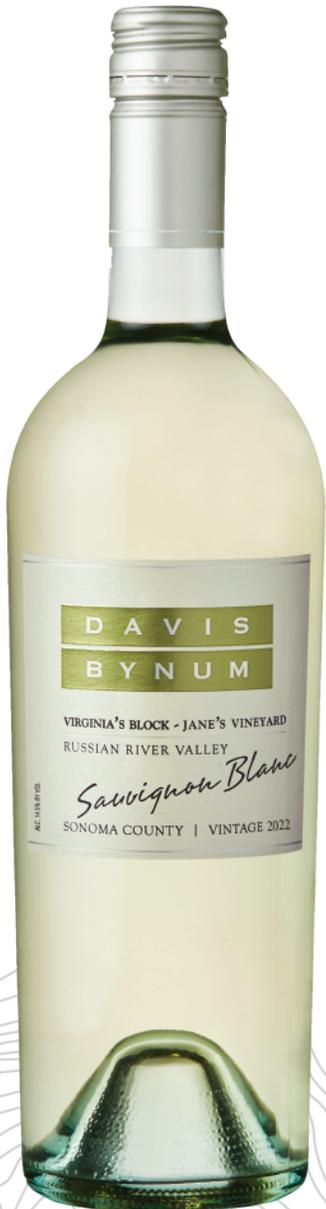


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# VIRGINIA'S BLOCK Russian River Valley | Sonoma County 2022 SAUVIGNON BLANC



## 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 2022 vintage turned out to be dry and mild. Rain from the previous autumn was light and the new year was warm and dry with highs up to 70 degrees in early spring. After light sprinkles in late spring and early summer, the temperature turned predictably hot in June but, overall, the season was mild with most summer days peaking around 85-90 degrees. An early harvest came as no surprise with the seasonable weather, and we picked the two vineyards just three days apart in early September.

## 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 2022 vintage shows a tropical style, opening with passionfruit, guava and honeydew melon with a generous streak of lime peel, adding to the complexity. The oak aging adds depth to the wine while still feeling light with vibrant acidity. Enjoy this wine with flavorful and tangy cheese such as Manchego or cheddar, pickled beet salad, oysters on the half shell or anything you'd like.



HARVEST DATE 9.9.2022 & 9.12.2022	AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST 23.2° Brix	VARIETAL 100% Sauvignon Blanc
APPELLATION 100% Russian River Valley	SOIL Shallow, fast draining Huichica loam	
VINEYARD Preston Vineyard & Hall Road Vineyard, Russian River Valley	pH 3.48	TA .62g/100mL
WINEMAKERS Greg Morthole	ALC 13.5%	CELLAR AGING 7 weeks in 62% old French oak barrels, 35% seasoned Acacia, 3% stainless steel
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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.