

V ■ S S Vineyards

Voss Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2002

Small. Dense. Concentrated. Our vineyard isn't the largest or highest yielding in the Napa Valley. But it is well loved. Because we know that all great wines start in the vineyard, our winemaker pays close attention to our vines. By managing this vineyard ourselves, we are able to control yields and farm for flavor. Less fruit from each vine. Smaller berries. More intense flavor. It all starts in the vineyard.

We grow the fruit for our Sauvignon Blanc exclusively on the Voss Vineyards estate in Rutherford. Warm days followed by cool nights characterize this region. The heavy clay soil present in our vineyard produces grapes of intensely perfumed tropical and citrus fruits with crisp acidity.



WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

The 2002 vintage began early with budbreak occurring in mid March. By mid May the vineyard was under cloudy skies, and light rain reduced the fruit set. From June until August the weather was relatively cool, with daytime high temperatures in mid 70s to low 80s. This mild weather caused slow ripening of the fruit, while cold nights retained grape acids.

The 2002 Sauvignon Blanc is greenish straw in color and is intense in tropical fruit aromas of passion fruit, grapefruit and guava, with hints of mineral and lemon-lime. On the palate this wine is bursting with tropical citrus flavors. This classic Sauvignon Blanc finishes with crisp and lingering citrus peel notes.

WINEMAKER PROFILE

Steve Fennell has been crafting Voss Vineyards wine since 1999, and he still gets excited about the potential for making outstanding wines here. "We're breaking new ground with our intense, in-your-face style of Sauvignon Blanc," he says. "Another beautiful aspect of being the winemaker at Voss Vineyards is that I get to grow the fruit we use in our wines. By fine-tuning our farming practices, I can produce the grapes that perfectly match the style of wines we make."

PRESS REVIEWS / AWARDS

"TWO STARS (91-94 points) - A highly distinctive wine. Likely to be memorable. Proving that its very successful predecessors were the genuine article, Voss rises to the top of its class once again with this rich, well-ripened, oak-infused work whose herbal, lightly weedy aspects are quiet accents to more central themes of melons and figs. ... Good Value."
-- Connoisseurs' Guide, February 2004

For more information, visit www.vossvineyards.com.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2002
Region	Napa Valley
Winemaker	Steve Fennell
Harvested	August and September 2002
Alc/Vol	13%
Total Acid	6.8 g/L
pH	3.27

