

# V ■ S S Vineyards

## Voss Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2003

*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

An early bud break began the 2003 growing season, but a cool and rainy May significantly slowed the vine growth. A cooler than average summer followed the spring, resulting in slow, even ripening of the fruit. Cold nights helped in the retention of the flavor and grape acids. Two spectacular, unexpected lightning storms in late August gave us a scare but in the end only rinsed the grapes.

Harvesting at night and during the cool of the early morning helped to retain varietal character. Some vineyard lots were crushed and pressed after a few hours of skin contact, while others were whole cluster pressed. The juice was then fermented in stainless steel tanks at cool temperatures to preserve delicate fruit flavors. After this long slow cool fermentation, the wine was racked, filtered, and prepared for bottling. The 2003 Sauvignon Blanc was bottled entirely using Stelvin screw cap closures. This demonstrates our commitment to preserving the delicate character of this aromatic variety.

The 2003 Sauvignon Blanc is greenish straw in color and is intense in aromas of guava, grapefruit, and passion fruit with hints of lemon zest and straw. 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."

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

<b>Vintage</b>	2003
<b>Region</b>	Napa Valley
<b>Winemaker</b>	Steve Fennell
<b>Harvested</b>	August 29th to September 7th 2003
<b>Alc/Vol</b>	13%
<b>Total Acid</b>	6.6 g/L
<b>pH</b>	3.12

