

V ■ S S Vineyards

Voss Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2004

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 2004 harvest was our earliest to date. Although the growing season was fairly cool, the early budbreak and light crop (2.3 tons/acre) made for an early vintage. We began picking Sauvignon Blanc on the 9th of August under ideal weather conditions and finished a mere 7 days later. The low yields gave intensely concentrated fruit, and the moderate growing season resulted in grapes with excellent acidity.

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 2004 Sauvignon Blanc was bottled entirely using Stelvin screw cap closures. This demonstrates our commitment to preserving the delicate character of this aromatic variety.

The 2004 Sauvignon Blanc is greenish straw in color and is intense in aromas of grapefruit, passion fruit and guava with hints of 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."

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2004
Region	Rutherford
Winemaker	Steve Fennell
Harvested	August 9th - 16th 2004
Alc/Vol	13.5%
Total Acid	6.8 g/L
pH	3.2

