

V ■ S S Vineyards

Voss Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2005

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 2005 season got off to a fairly fast start with a mild March, but then mostly cooler weather in April through June led to a later start of the vintage. The ripening in late July and August was ideal for the Sauvignon Blanc leading to a compact harvest over only three days with the various vineyard blocks giving us the breadth of fruit profile that normally takes 8-10 days.

Our traditional night harvesting during the cool of the early morning helped to retain the vibrant Sauvignon Blanc aromas and flavors. Coupling this with "skin contacting" the fruit for several hours before pressing amplified the intense fruit flavors from our Rutherford vineyard. The juice was fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel tanks over four to five weeks with selected yeasts that further enhanced the flavors. After racking and blending, the wine was bottled in March and June of 2006 using Stelvin screw cap closures. The screw cap is the best closure for preserving the delicate character of this aromatic variety.

The 2005 Sauvignon Blanc is greenish straw in color and exhibits classic varietal characters of passion fruit, guava and grapefruit. On the palate, this wine delivers a delightful combination of bold tropical fruit and citrus flavors with a crisp, lingering finish.

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.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2005
Region	Rutherford
Winemaker	Steve Fennell
Harvested	August 30 – September 1, 2005
Alc/Vol	13.5%
Total Acid	5.9 g/L
pH	3.3

