



**2022 BOUGETZ CELLARS BLISS
RUTHERFORD SAUVIGNON BLANC**

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 Bliss Rutherford Sauvignon Blanc is another wonderful example of Sauvignon Blanc sourced from the heart of Rutherford. This wine is 100% Sauvignon Blanc. Aged primarily in neutral French oak barrels, the wine was stirred on a regular basis, incorporating the weight of the lees on the midpalate. Showing wonderful melon and tropical notes on the nose, the freshness of the acidity is blanketed with tropical fruit on the palate. Finishes clean making it a wonder wine to serve with food.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2022 growing season started early with bud break occurring about two weeks earlier than normal. This was the third drought year in a row, with well levels well below average. The summer saw only a couple of heat spikes in June, leading to a consistent, warm August. With an early bud break, and consistent growing phase, the fruit reached full maturity and was picked overnight, on August 25th. The Bliss Sauvignon Blanc comes from a single block off Dalla Gasperina Vineyard in the heart of Rutherford.



Harvest date: August 25th, 2022

- Appellation: Rutherford
- Brix at harvest: 23.3
- Fermentation: $\frac{3}{4}$ neutral French Oak, $\frac{1}{4}$ stainless steel
- Aging: 100% neutral French oak
- Alcohol: 14.5%
- pH: 3.34
- TA: 7.20 g/L
- Bottled: May 2023
- Case production: 369 cases
- Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz
- Suggested retail: \$30



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