



**2023 BOUGETZ CELLARS BLISS
RUTHERFORD SAUVIGNON BLANC**

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2023 Bliss Rutherford Sauvignon Blanc expresses the wonderful vintage of 2023. With 86% Sauvignon Blanc and 14% Semillon in the blend, it is a true Bordeaux blend. The fruit was sourced from the heart of Rutherford. 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 more weight on the palate than previous years, you are treated to melon and tropical notes on the nose, with zesty grapefruit and tropical fruit on the palate. Finishes clean making it a wonder wine to serve with food.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2023 growing season was a stark contrast to 2022. The normal heat we receive in Spring and Summer, never really materialized. While the vines looked healthy, they were just not in a hurry to mature. We were running a solid two weeks behind normal, but the weather was perfect through harvest. With a late bud break, and consistent growing phase, the fruit reached full maturity and was picked overnight, on September 8th.



Harvest date: September 8th, 2023

- Appellation: Rutherford
- Brix at harvest: 23.1
- Fermentation: $\frac{3}{4}$ neutral French Oak, $\frac{1}{4}$ stainless steel
- Aging: 100% neutral French oak
- Alcohol: 14.5%
- pH: 3.25
- TA: 8.10 g/L
- Bottled: March 2024
- Case production: 308 cases
- Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz
- Suggested retail: \$30



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