

THE VICE

RUTHERFORD SINGLE VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2019 “The Immigrant’s” Batch #28)

“The Immigrant” Batch #28 is an homage to the people that touch this wine, from its roots to your glass. We crafted this tiny batch in a traditional white Bordeaux style for longevity in the cellar. The wine however is packed with a dynamic mineral character typically associated with a Sancerre.

2019 VINTAGE

A beautifully wet winter set up a nice harvest for 2019. Spring was later than usual due to the cool wet weather, but summer was warm and uneventful with only one heat spike over 100 degrees, making for ideal conditions for ripening sauvignon blanc. Always the first grape varietal for us to pick, we harvested on August 25th.

HISTORICAL VINEYARD & THE CLONE

96% of the sauvignon blanc grown in California is Clone 2, making straight-forward herbal and grassy sauvignon blanc, but not that interesting. Our dedicated grower in the northeast corner of Rutherford only grows Clone 376 Sauvignon Blanc, a French Clone, as well as a small amount of Semillon. Our historic vineyard was first planted by a Scandinavian immigrant in 1887.

TASTING NOTES

Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon were handpicked the same night and co-fermented. The clusters were pressed, settled and allowed to start fermentation with native yeast. We kept the fermentation cool and long, lasting a lunar month of twenty-eight days. The wine was then transferred to neutral French oak barrels and concrete eggs for 6 months of lees aging.

With a pale gold hue, Batch#28 opens with vibrant aromas of gooseberry, pomelo, Amalfi lemon, golden apple and a hint of bee wax (from the Semillon). On the palate, the semillon enhances this Sauvignon Blanc’s fruit character with balance, body and minerality. The finish is long and energetic, flavors of white peach and pear may come out at young age, but expect Brioche and baked apple pie if cellared.

- 90% Sauvignon Blanc Clone 376, 10% Semillon Clone 908
- 6 months lees aging in 50% Neutral French Oak and 50% Concrete Eggs
- 350 cases crafted