



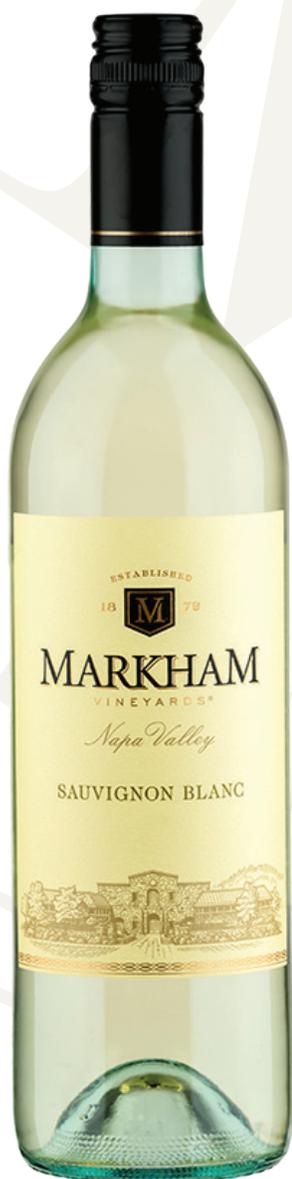
MARKHAM

VINEYARDS®

Napa Valley

SAUVIGNON BLANC

— 2017 —



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Guava and pear meld harmoniously with the wet stone, lemon zest and peach pit aromas found in our 2017 Sauvignon Blanc. Vibrant and mouth-watering SweeTARTS® character allows the pear and melon fruit to shine on the palate. A rich almost creamy entry is tantalizing with mineral and a touch of Sauvignon Musqué flamboyance on the finish. Easy to enjoy with ceviche served with avocado and tortilla chips!

VINEYARD NOTES

The estate Sauvignon Musqué allows for a multitude of aroma profiles in our Sauvignon Blanc. Technically, Sauvignon Musqué is a clonal selection of Sauvignon Blanc. In the vineyard, when picked at lower sugar levels the resulting wines maintain their crisp, grapefruit character. However when allowed to develop the true Muscat flavors in the field, the finished wine shows beautiful honeysuckle and tropical floral notes. Most of the grapes are grown at our two estate vineyards, both located in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. Our estate Semillon grapes are harvested to provide a juicy texture and honeydew melon character to our Sauvignon Blanc. Always food friendly, this wine was built in the vineyards and slowly fermented under refrigeration to protect its fruity esters. Careful blending was used to show the vintage at its best.

HARVEST NOTES

2017 was one for the record books! The New Year found our back parking lot flooded, not once but twice. Our annual rainfall for the year was nearly double in the end. Late January chill pushed the vines to a normal schedule with budbreak, bloom and veraison. Our summer months were HOT and dried up the soil moisture quickly. We thought the solar eclipse on 8/21 would make a fortuitous start to the harvest, but the grapes weren't quite ready. We began our 40th vintage celebrating our history of winemaking here at Markham Vineyards. The perfect fall weather and amazing fruit quality made for deliciously powerful wines. When all but just a few tons were left to pick, a cataclysmic October wildfire brought the entire Napa Valley to a standstill. We watched and waited with heavy hearts, fingers crossed for our family and friends in harm's way. Thankfully our family and winery were spared and we bonded together as a community to finish stronger than ever.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

88% Sauvignon Blanc
(30% Sauvignon Musqué)
12% Semillon

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 13.8%
Acid: 0.56 g/100 mls
pH: 3.26

FERMENTATION & AGING

100% Whole Berry Pressed
SO3
100% Stainless Steel Fermented
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76% Neutral Wood Tank Aged
24% Stainless Steel Tank Aged
SO3

Bottled: January 2018
Released: Spring 2018

