

# MARK HEROLD WINES



## 2017 HEROLD SAUVIGNON BLANC

### KNIGHTS VALLEY

#### TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 HEROLD Sauvignon Blanc offers vibrant aromatics that erupt from the glass—grapefruit, pineapple, green mango, star fruit and guava! Acacia flowers, cut grass, wildflowers and a touch of honey add floral complexity. The palate is racy with a power-punch of flavors including tropical fruit and ripe citrus. The palate is inviting with a snap of acid and an enduring finish.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

In 2017 northern California experienced a wet winter. The end of June into July we experienced a twenty day heat spell that tempered and controlled the vigor of the vines producing incredibly small berried clusters and intensely flavored fruit.

This Knights Valley AVA Sauvignon Blanc hails from Blau Vineyard and was harvested in late August. The cooler temperatures of the appellation produce wines with amazing acidity and expressive aromatics. Fermented and aged in concrete eggs for six months preserving the acidity and aromatics while creating texture in the wine from the constant contact with the lees.

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**APPELLATION**  
KNIGHTS VALLEY

**ALCOHOL**  
14.1%

**VINEYARD**  
BLAU VINEYARD

**PRODUCTION**  
100 CASES

**VARIETAL**  
SAUVIGNON BLANC

**RELEASE DATE**  
MAY 2019

**AGING**  
6 MONTHS, CONCRETE EGGS

**SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE**  
\$32

“The 2017 Sauvignon Blanc, from a site in Knight's Valley, is bright, aromatically expressive and full of character. Lemon confit, savory herbs, dried flowers and almonds are nicely delineated. A touch of skin contact gives the wine a distinctive phenolic quality that is quite attractive.” **90 PTS**  
—Antonio Galloni, December 2018

