



# PELLEGRINI

WINE COMPANY

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## 2020 SAUVIGNON BLANC

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### TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Russian River Sauvignon Blanc beams with a nose full of guava, passion fruit, kiwi, pink grapefruit, and fresh-cut grass. On the tongue, pineapple, pink lady apples, and honeydew melon are prominent. Grippy acid brings about an aura of yuzu zest, with hints of a walnut found on the finish.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Few wines are as rewarding to make as Sauvignon Blanc. From the day it is pressed to the day it is bottled, the varietal carries immense aroma. Once harvested, the grapes were gently pressed with a champagne-style press cycle to limit bitter phenolics releasing into the juice. The stainless portion was fermented at a warmer than usual 62 degrees, allowing for the fortification of tropical flavors. Barrels for this blend were selected to encourage long texture to balance the wine's strong acid, while also offering just a light wisp of smokiness to complement the fruit flavors. This vintage, for the first time we utilized an Acacia barrel, which lends tremendous texture, and a pleasant green character that compliments Sauvignon Blanc beautifully. Barrels are stirred every two weeks through December to encourage texture development.

### VINEYARD NOTES

Nakai Vineyard is located 2 miles east of our winery in the Santa Rosa Plains sub-AVA of Russian River Valley. Planted in 1979, this 20-acre vineyard grows four rows of Sauvignon Blanc, all allocated to Pellegrini. Much like our Olivet Lane Estate, Nakai Vineyard sits on Huichica clay loam. This rocky and clay-rich soil dominates the Santa Rosa Plains region and lessens the need for regular irrigation, making it an ideal soil type to draw out the tropical characteristics in the Sauvignon Blanc grape. Late summer in the vineyard, a heavy leaf removal provides more sun exposure for clusters, which increases tropical fruit flavor development.

### PAIRING IDEAS

Try it with grilled shrimp with lemon and herbs, or pad Thai.



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AVA: Russian River Valley  
VINEYARD: Nakai Vineyard  
VARIETAL: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

HARVEST: September 11, 2020  
BOTTLED: May 19, 2021  
ALCOHOL: 13.7%  
TA: 6.75 g/L  
pH: 3.06