

Matthews

2023 RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC



The 2023 Matthews Reserve Sauvignon Blanc comprises several vineyard parcels within the greater Columbia Valley. Key sites hail from Horse Heaven Hills, Royal Slope, and Yakima Valley AVAs.

This wine truly embodies the broad flavor and aromatic expressions of Sauvignon Blanc from Washington State's diverse terroirs. The winemaking team collaborated with vineyard managers to restrict yields, resulting in small, concentrated berries. Cool fall nights preserved the wine's freshness while allowing continued flavor development. Hand-harvesting occurred in the early mornings of early October.

Upon arrival at the winery, the fruit was sorted and whole-cluster pressed. The juice was transferred to tanks and cold-settled for 24 hours. The clarified juice was then racked into various formats of 87% new French and Austrian oak. Barrel fermentation lasted between 3 weeks and 4 months. After fermentation, the wine rested until Spring 2024. We meticulously selected 17 barrels, which were blended and bottled unfined and unfiltered in August 2024, yielding a mere 440 cases.

The final blend incorporated three distinct Sauvignon Blanc clones: 1, 27, and Gist.

"Barrel-fermented and full-bodied, the 2023 Sauvignon Blanc Reserve is unctuous in wet stone and floral aromatics, but most memorably impressive for its texture and weightlessness. Rich, ripe layers of apricot and passionfruit benefit from bright acidity and a backbone of structure, graceful through its inherent power."

96 POINTS, VIRGINIE BOONE, JEBDUNNUCK.COM

"This wine is 100% barrel fermented with larger oak, with 80% new oak, but it comes with great aromatic clarity. Tighter grains and lighter toast give this wine precision. We get volume and density on the palate. with the new wood. We really want aromatic, expressive. There's a tautness to this; battonage is done with restraint, and it goes to barrel with the dirty lees. Juicy Meyer lemon, curd, minerality and brilliant acids. Yellow plums, six different yeasts allow them to really dial this wine in. It's creamy, but taut and upright. Malo is arrested to maintain the fresh character."

95 POINTS, CLIVE PURSEHOUSE, DECANTER

SELECT VINEYARDS

Horse Heaven Hills AVA	Spice Cabinet, Culloden
Royal Slope AVA	La Reyna Blanca
Yakima Valley AVA	Olsen

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Fermentation	Fermented 3-4 months in barrel
Aging	Aged in the same barrel that it was fermented in for 11 months (87% new French oak barrels, 11x 265L cigar barrels, 6x 228L barrels)
Alcohol	14.7%
Cases	440
Retail	\$48

