Matthews

2021 RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC



The 2021 Matthews Reserve Sauvignon Blanc was made with fruit grown from Bacchus, La Reyna Blanca, Coventry Vale, and Conner Lee Vineyards. Some of the oldest Sauvignon Blanc vines in the state were harvested for this multi-layered and expressive wine. A warm vintage and low yields meant that the fruit harvested for this reserve Sauvignon Blanc was ripe, concentrated, and showed exceptional varietal typicity.

Each vine was cultivated and harvested by hand, processed by gentle whole cluster pressing, and blanketed with inert gas to preserve aromatic intensity. After 24 hours cold settling, multiple yeasts were selected for layering and complexity.

Fermentation in various sizes of 100% French oak barrels was slow and cool, while the lees were stirred frequently for body and structure. Secondary fermentation was blocked so that freshness and aromatic complexity could be retained while the resulting wine softened in barrel for 12 months. This wine was cold stabilized and bottled unfiltered for maximum purity and intensity. Only 809 cases produced.

> *"The totally stunning 2021 Matthews 'Reserve' Sauvignon Blanc is an outstanding wine that shows off the warmth of the vintage. Stored in roughly 35% new French oak, this saw extended battonage. On the nose this shows baking spice dusted brioche, papaya and shades of roasted pineapple on the nose. The palate is smooth and beautifully textured, with outstanding weight and length. Unfined and unfiltered, this beauty will live on for another eight plus years and is just sensational to enjoy now. Drink 2023-2031"*
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> -95 POINTS, OWENBARGREEN, OWENBARGREEN.COM

> *"Unfined and unfiltered, the 2021 Sauvignon Blanc Reserve presents a fresh, oaky and citrusy nose. Gorgeously fresh and full-bodied, the wine packs a punch on the palate with considerable weight, a spicy touch and a good balance of acidity and roundness. The finish is pronounced with a spicy and creamy mouthfeel that brings me back for more. Don't let the haze scare you away from enjoying this wine. The wine fermented in all French oak, 75% new, and will be best when enjoyed with food."*
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> -93 POINTS, ANTHONY MUELLER, ROBERT PARKER WINE ADVOCATE

SELECT VINEYARDS		
1	Royal Slope AVA	La Reyna Blanca
2	Columbia Valley AVA	Conner Lee
3	White Bluffs AVA	Bacchus
4	Yakima Valley AVA	Coventry Vale

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Fermentation	100% French oak
Aging	12 months, 75% new French oak, varying format
Alcohol	14.7%
Cases	809
Retail	$68

