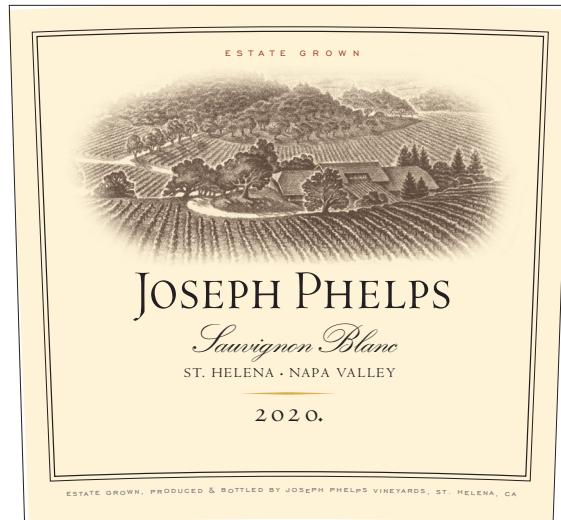


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## Joseph Phelps Sauvignon Blanc, St. Helena, Napa Valley 2020

### Winemaking Data

**Blend:** 100% estate-grown Sauvignon Blanc from our Home Ranch Vineyard in St. Helena.

**Winemaking Notes:** The grapes were gently pressed to barrel for fermentation and seven months of aging using 34% new and 66% older French oak puncheons from coopers Dargaud Jaegle, Damy, Ermitage. The lees were stirred only as needed during and after fermentation imparting textural character and a light oak influence.

The 2020 Sauvignon Blanc leaps from the glass with aromatic white flower, orange blossom and pleasing citrus peel undertones. Round and richly textured with delicately laced acid and mineral notes, tangy ripe apple, candied pear, and lemon linger throughout the palate to a satisfying hibiscus, rose hip and finish.

**Growing Season:** In 2020, Sauvignon Blanc bud break was slightly behind a five-year average, while bloom was very close to average. With a dry growing season, veraison and harvest dates were approximately a week earlier than normal. 2020 was marked by very little rain accumulation throughout the year leading to drought conditions and above average temperatures during the summer growing months and harvest. Lower yields produced fruit with excellent flavor, intensity, and crisp acidity.