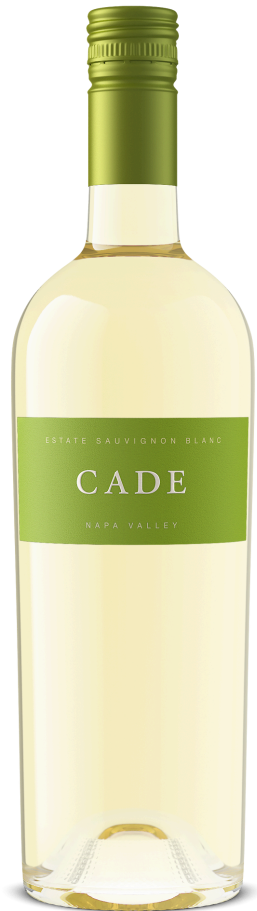


# 2023 CADE ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC, OAKVILLE



## VARIETALS

44% Sauvignon Blanc  
51% Sauvignon Musqué  
2% Viognier  
3% Sémillon



## ALCOHOL

14.2%



## PRODUCTION

726 cases



## BOTTLED

July 12, 2024



## WINEMAKER

Danielle Cyrot

## AVA

Oakville, Napa Valley

## VINEYARD NOTES

The 2023 Estate Sauvignon Blanc is from our Estate in Oakville. The fruit was harvested on the later side because of the cooler 2023 vintage, so we didn't start picking until September 11th and wrapped up on September 25th. That was the latest pick of Semillon from the property on record. Despite the later pick date, the fruit was still fantastic, with naturally lower sugar, higher acidity, and amazing flavors due to that extra hang time from the below-average temperatures of 2023.

## FERMENTATION

Fermentation was carried out in a combination of stainless steel tanks and drums (68%), concrete eggs (26%), and French oak barrels (6% new). We have five concrete eggs that are used exclusively for the three clones of Sauvignon Blanc (1, 6, Musqué) and the Viognier and Sémillon from the Estate. The combination of concrete, stainless steel, and barrel gives the wine a unique and complex texture. Fermentation lasted for an average of 20 days at an average temperature of 56°F, with no malolactic fermentation occurring. The wine was aged sur lie for six months and then blended together in January. After blending, it was returned to stainless steel drums for another three months of aging before bottling.

## WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

The 2023 Estate Sauvignon Blanc has aromas of white peach, white flowers, lemongrass, kiwi, honeydew melon, and honeysuckle. On the palate are flavors of green melon, citrus, orange blossom, lemon curd, and pear. The texture of the wine is silky, creamy, and yet vibrant. The addition of Viognier adds viscosity and a floral note to the wine that is very intriguing and complex. The wine has beautiful minerality, acidity, and texture. It was a unique vintage in Napa Valley, and, therefore, I think it is one of the best Estate Sauvignon Blanc blends we have ever made. The fruit from the Estate is some of the most intense and delicious yet perfectly balanced in chemistry and flavor. It is an honor and privilege to work with this fruit.