

Sauvignon Blanc *1155* Napa Valley 2018

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Dubbed a "Winemaker's Dream Vintage" the 2018 growing season in Napa saw cooler than average temperatures throughout Spring and Summer. With saturated grounds from winter rains, vines coming out of dormancy had plenty of water supply for healthy bud-breaks, which with the exception of a slightly delayed Sauvignon Blanc, occurred on time in late March through early April. Precipitation of 0.6" in April had no impact on vines and another 0.3" in early May did not negatively affect bloom. On the contrary – it probably resulted in higher yields as cluster sizes in general came in larger than average. We think 2018 is superior and will be THE best vintage for Napa Valley ever.

## VINEYARD NOTES

Our II55 estate vineyard which surrounds our terrace and fountains, takes its name from the address of our winery. Twelve feet of heavy clay soil supply a deep and prolific root system that allows for our Sauvignon Blanc to take temperature fluctuations in stride and ripen patiently. This wine bursts with density and a textured mouthfeel. This small-production wine, a perfect toast to the warmer weather ahead, always sells out a little sooner than we would like.

| ON THE NOSE   | Lemon, lychee, boxwoods, honey, lavender, bay leaves,<br>orange peel, pears, pineapples, white chocolate,<br>powdered sugar  |
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| ON THE PALATE | Fresh entrance with bright acidity, evolving on a balanced<br>palate between acidity and roundness with notes of blood<br>orange, starfruit, Meyer lemon pie, pomelo, ginger root,<br>crème brûlée, hints of clay, strawberry, peach, coffee grinds,<br>ending on subtle metallic note |
| BLEND         | 97% Sauvignon Blanc, 3% Semillon   |
| FERMENTATION  | 100% barrel fermented  |
| AGING         | I6 months, 97% French oak, 3% Acacia, 30% new;<br><i>sur lies fine</i>   |



## ABOUT ALPHA OMEGA

Established in 2006, Alpha Omega's mission is to create artisanal wines drawing on Old World vineyard handcrafted practices and emphasis on unique terroir driven characteristics that reveal a sense of place combined with New World technology and science. The family-owned, boutique winery in the heart of Napa Valley on the Rutherford Bench is honored that its estate is considered one of the top wineries in the region