



## LANCASTER *Estate*

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES



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## LANCASTER ESTATE 2021 SAMANTHA'S SAUVIGNON BLANC

### OUR THOUGHTS...

*Grown 100% on our Alexander Valley estate, our Samantha's Sauvignon Blanc showcases the very best of the varietal and the AVA. On the nose, bright and floral aromas of citrus zest, melon and white flower draw you in. The palate offers elegant and layered flavors of white nectarine, grapefruit, mango and honeysuckle. The crisp acidity is balanced by a creaminess from the partial French oak aging, while a subtle mineral texture from the concrete egg aging lingers on the smooth finish.*

### VINTAGE AND WINEMAKING NOTES:

The winter of 2020-2021 had minimal rainfall and mild temperatures leading to drought conditions throughout California's North Coast. With a warmer than average winter and spring, budbreak was two weeks ahead of normal. Summer was warm and dry, with a few short heat spikes. The warm weather resulted in beautifully ripened fruit and a fairly early harvest.

### COOPERAGE:

The 2021 Samantha's Sauvignon Blanc was fermented and aged for 6 months in a combination of stainless steel drums (47%), concrete egg (30%), and neutral French oak barrels (23%). The concrete egg method allows for constant circulation of the juice and imparts a minerality and texture to the wine. The wine was then bottled unfiltered in April 2022.

### COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS:

*Varietals: 100% Sauvignon Blanc*

*Titrateable Acidity: 6.3 g/L | pH: 3.2 | Alcohol: 14.0%*

*Production: 500 cases*

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## LANCASTER ESTATE 2019 WINEMAKER'S CUVÉE

### OUR THOUGHTS...

*Our 2019 Winemaker's Cuvée is a testament to an exceptional vintage for Bordeaux grapes and our incredible vineyards in the Alexander Valley. A strong base of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Merlot is complemented by small amounts of Cabernet Franc and Malbec. The combination of warm climate and alluvial and gravelly loam soil found on our estate is ideal for creating balanced wines of concentration and richness. A dark and indulgent wine with great complexity and depth that showcases the 2019 vintage in Alexander Valley beautifully. Aromas and flavors of dark plum and black currant meld together with savory notes of leather, cedar and clove spice. Medium-firm tannins linger on the silky smooth finish. A wine of impeccable structure and balance that allows aging for 5-10 years.*

### VINTAGE AND WINEMAKING NOTES:

The 2019 growing season began with a cool spring, delaying bud break. Summer temperatures were average and allowed the grapes to ripen at a steady pace. All of our vines were harvested by October 26, when the Kincade Fire brought picking to an abrupt halt. All of our fruit from this vintage was of exceptional quality.

### COOPERAGE:

This wine was aged sur lie for 15 months in French oak. 50% of the barrels were new and all were coopered using a combination of Medium Plus, Medium Long, and Heavy toast levels to provide better integration and balance.

### COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS:

*Varietals: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc*  
*Titrateable Acidity: 6.1 g/L | pH: 3.64 | Alcohol: 14.9%*

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