Chimney Rock

2014 Elevage Blanc

The Sauvignon Blanc and Sauvignon Gris grapes that comprise this blend are sourced exclusively from our vineyard in Rutherford. Elevage Blanc, honors the style of the great Bordeaux whites. Sauvignon Gris, a rarely planted relative of Sauvignon Blanc, provides beautiful aromatics and texture as blending grape. This unique combination challenges the typical conception of a white wine, creating a white wine for the red wine drinker.

The 2014 vintage was one of the earliest and warmest on record. Small berries and balanced yields produced grapes that were extraordinary in quality. Modeled after the great white wines of Bordeaux, both the Sauvignon Blanc and the Sauvignon Gris grapes were whole-cluster pressed gently and barrel fermented in one third new French Oak, one third used French Oak, and one third stainless steel barrels with meticulous stirring of the lees. The wine aged in these vessels for six months as it absorbed the richness of the lees. It is a complex white wine, with depth and great potential for ageing but is enjoyable to drink now.

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietals: 54% Sauvignon Gris, 46% Sauvignon Blanc

Fermentation: Barrel fermented in 1/3 new French Oak, 1/3 used French Oak and 1/3 stainless steel

Barrel aging: 6 months in 1/3 new French Oak, 1/3 used French Oak and 1/3 stainless steel

Bottled date: April 6, 2015

Total Cases: 1,449

Features
- 100% hand-picked, estate-grown fruit
- Single vineyard fruit
- Aged on the lees with lees stirring
- Extremely rare expression of Sauvignon Gris from the United States

Benefits
- Optimal fruit sourcing and quality assurance
- Lees exposure enhances complexity and mouthfeel, creating a more robust wine while maintaining acidity
- Small lot blending allows for hand tailoring and balancing of each blend
- A truly unique blend from one of the most limited plantings in Napa Valley
- Napa Green Certified Land & Winery

Competitive Set
- Rudd Sauvignon Blanc
- Peter Michael L'Apres-Midi
- Chateau Lynch-Bages

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