



## RED MOUNTAIN SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019

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INSPIRED BY RED MOUNTAIN.

### STORY

Sweeping gusts of wind, wild temperature swings, and high-alkaline soil: just a few features that position Red Mountain, Washington among the world's top regions for growing wine grapes. The Aquilini family is dedicated to expressing the best of this special region through unwavering commitment to quality.

### VINTAGE REPORT

The 2019 Vintage was a unique year and can be classified as a cooler vintage. Late winter snow dusted the vineyards in February and March, which delayed winter pruning along with other vineyard work. Despite the cool season, budbreak and bloom were slightly lagging but not too off from a "normal" year. The summer was cooler with a lack of notable heat spikes which lead into an even cooler fall. Fortunately, the cool vintage presented a unique growing season with higher acids levels, lower overall sugar accumulation and advanced phenolic maturity; all leading to a balanced and elegant vintage.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

2019 delivered ideal growing conditions in our Sauvignon Blanc vineyard. The perfectly ripened grapes were hand harvested early in the morning to preserve acidity and, following a meticulous selection of the best clusters, promptly pressed on the gentlest setting. The juice was then allowed to settle for 48 hours before transfer to barrel, where it then had a cool four week fermentation. Malolactic fermentation was avoided to preserve the wine's freshness, intensity and fragrance. As a result, the wine is noticeably more textural and layered than most, showcasing the finesse of our winemaker. Very aromatically expressive and varietally pure.

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### DESCRIPTION

The 2019 Aquilini Sauvignon Blanc expresses a sophisticated and elegant structure not always found in a Sauvignon Blanc. Born of the same climate and soil as our Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine offers structure and complexity yet freshness on the palate. From the first aromatic nose to its lingering finishing, this elegant wine offers much to savor.

### TASTING NOTES

Wonderfully clean and focused aromas open with stone fruits, citrus and tropical notes interlaced with Meyer lemon. Energetic acidity frames the core of this wine while building texture on the palate, deftly balanced by just a nuance of oak. The finish is clean and lingering with minerality throughout.

### TECHNICAL SPECS

COMPOSITION: 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC  
APPELLATION: RED MOUNTAIN AVA  
VINEYARD(S): AQUILINI ELITE  
YEAR PLANTED: 2015  
MACERATION: 27-30 DAYS  
AGING: 6 MONTHS  
ALCOHOL: 14.66%  
TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.4 G/L TA  
PH: 3.29  
PRODUCTION SIZE: 231 CASES / 2,772 BOTTLES  
WINEMAKER: PHILIPPE MELKA