



## RED MOUNTAIN SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

### STORY

Driven by passion. Nurtured by family. Inspired by Red Mountain.

Coming from a long history in farming, the Aquilini family was drawn to Red Mountain. They knew its low rainfall, cleansing winds, and rich soils could be tailored to propagate fine grape varietals.

Red Mountain's great strength is its Cabernet Sauvignon. The Aquilini family had such faith in this variety that they planted nearly 70% of their acreage with it and selected 16 different clones to offer a full spectrum of blending possibilities. In addition to their flagship reds, Aquilini bottles small quantities of Sauvignon Blanc.

At the guidance of the renowned consulting winemakers at Atelier Melka, the Aquilini vision is to express the best of Red Mountain through an unwavering devotion to quality. Our commitment remains steadfast that “we have yet to make our best bottle of wine” — a philosophy that guides us towards our ultimate goal, every day.

### VINTAGE REPORT

The 2020 vintage began with pruning in early February, on track for a typical season in Washington. Budbreak started as expected in mid-April; bloom began in mid-May, followed by veraison in mid-July. The summer was moderate with several heat spikes in July and August. We began hand-harvesting our golden clusters of Sauvignon Blanc on August 28th.

### AWARDS



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### WINEMAKING NOTES

2020 offered an ideal growing season for our style of Sauvignon Blanc. Perfectly ripened, our golden clusters were hand-picked early in the morning to preserve acidity; following a meticulous selection of the best clusters, they were pressed on the gentlest setting. The juice was allowed to settle for 48 hours before transfer to a mix of new and neutral French oak barrels, and several stainless-steel barrels, where it had a cool fermentation over the course of four weeks. We refrain from malolactic fermentation to preserve the wine's freshness, intensity and aromatic complexity. This Sauvignon Blanc is noticeably more textural and layered than most, showcasing varietal purity and finesse.

### DESCRIPTION

The 2020 Aquilini Sauvignon Blanc expresses a sophisticated and elegant character. Born of the same climate and soils as our Cabernet Sauvignon and Family Blend, this wine generously offers layered complexities with rich aromatics and concentrated flavors.

### TASTING NOTES

Delightfully focused aromas open with white peach, lychee, citrus, and pineapple. Vibrant acidity surrounds the core of this wine, building texture and volume on the palate, while adroitly balanced by a touch of new French oak. The finish is clean, with lingering mineral and citrus flavors.

### TECHNICAL SPECS

COMPOSITION:	100% SAUVIGNON BLANC
APPELLATION:	RED MOUNTAIN AVA
VINEYARD(S):	QUINTESSENCE (EST. 2014)
FERMENTATION:	BARREL FERMENTED IN NEW AND NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK AND STAINLESS-STEEL BARRELS
AGING:	6 MONTHS ON LEES
ALCOHOL:	13.8%
TOTAL ACIDITY:	7.0 G/L
PH:	3.27
PRODUCTION SIZE:	348 CASES / 4,176 BOTTLES
WINEMAKER:	PHILIPPE MELKA, MAAYAN KOSCHITZKY
DECANT:	OPEN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO ENJOYMENT TO REVEAL THE WINE'S COMPLEXITY.