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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

## RUSSIAN RIVER SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

### OVERVIEW

Merry Edwards Winery was founded in 1997 and produces terroir-driven, single-vineyard wines from 80 acres of estate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. The winery is known for crafting Pinot Noirs of immense depth, elegant structure and exceptional longevity as well as its aromatic, barrel-aged Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc, which is among the most sought after made in California. A single-vineyard Chardonnay and Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc round out the portfolio.

We began making our Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc in 2001, and we have lovingly re-produced this delicious wine each vintage since then. Merry Edwards developed this style of Sauvignon Blanc in order to tame the grape's innate "green" characteristics, and over the past two decades, this aromatic, barrel-aged Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc has become among the most sought after and critically acclaimed in California.

### WINEMAKING

The combination of techniques used to produce this age-worthy style results in a wine of balance, richness and aromatic complexity. A substantial percentage of Sauvignon Musqué adds floral notes and rich body, complementing the underlying herbal nature of the core grape clone — Sauvignon Blanc Clone 1 (Shenandoah). Barrel fermentation in French oak, 15 percent new, builds body by facilitating twice-weekly lees stirring for five months and the extraction of a hint of sweet oak.



**VARIETALS**  
100% SAUVIGNON BLANC

**94**  
POINTS  
Wine Spectator

A distinctive white, with fleshy mango, peach and apricot flavors at the core, plus notes of candied ginger, lemon curd and candied kumquat. Floral details, herbal accents and a drizzle of honey linger on the finish. Drink now.

**93**  
POINTS  
JAMES SUCKLING.COM

An iconic, fruit-forward and refreshing expression of sauvignon blanc. Aromas of apricots, nectarines, pineapple and green mangoes. The palate shows honeydew melon and green apples, with tender sweetness in the finish balanced by bright, juicy acidity. This is a wonderful summertime favorite.

**92**  
POINTS  
JEB DUNNUCK

A pale silver/yellow color, the 2023 Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley has softer floral notes of melon, dewy flowers, quince, pink grapefruit, and vanilla. It's elegant, fruity, and supple, with lots of elegant charm and an inviting feel as well as a softly rounded texture. Drink 2025-2030.



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