



MERRY EDWARDS
WINERY AND VINEYARDS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022

Sonoma County, United States



VARIETALS:

100% SAUVIGNON BLANC

NEW OAK: 18% FRENCH

WINE ALCOHOL: 14%

OVERVIEW

The stunning 2022 Merry Edwards Sauvignon Blanc is the result of impeccable farming along with our practices of barrel fermentation and lees-stirring. The maritime influence at our vineyards means that even when we have unprecedented heat, as we did in 2022, our grapes are able to hold onto delicate flavors and juicy acidity.

WINEMAKING

Full fermentation in barrels crafted by Tonnellerie Cadus, 18% new oak, moderate green flavors. Elevage in barrel also allows for our biweekly lees-stirring (for four months) protocol, vital to developing rich mouthfeel.

TASTING NOTES

This wine opens with enticing aromas of Meyer lemon, white pineapple, lime zest and white blossoms. On the palate, ripe yellow stone fruit and lemon grass mingle with notes of honeydew and marzipan. The texture is silky, but the bright acidity keeps the wine fresh and lively.

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Wine Spectator
TOP 100
WINE OF THE YEAR

95 POINTS | A stunning white, this leaps out of the glass with aromatic mango, orange blossom and salted ripe melon flavors. Gains complexity from grilled peach, lemon oil, savory litsea oil and toasted herb elements, with a fleshy, creamy texture and fresh acidity.

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POINTS
tastingpanel
MAGAZINE

Barrel fermented and aged sur lie for five months in (18% new) French oak, the wine glistens with Meyer lemon and honeydew. Pineapple, gardenia, and sweet basil line the palate, lending a zingy profile to a finish of salty minerality.

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POINTS
Decanter

Super expressive nose of white peach, lemongrass, orange blossoms and vanillin. Terrifically rich from lees ageing, with supple fruit redolent of citrus, pear and yellow apple. Intensely mineral-driven on the medium- to full-bodied finish, with chalky crushed stones framed by racy acidity, which resolves through fresh floral and honeysuckle notes. Quite delicious.

MaryAnn Worobiec's Recommended California Sauvignon Blancs

150 wines were reviewed for this report. A free alphabetical list is available at [WineSpectator.com/SauvignonBlancAlpha043024](https://www.winespectator.com/SauvignonBlancAlpha043024). WineSpectator.com members can access complete reviews for all wines tasted using the online Wine Ratings search.

WINE	SCORE	WINE	SCORE	PRICE
MERRY EDWARDS Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley 2022	95	MERRY EDWARDS Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley 2022	95	\$45
A stunning, aromatic white, this leaps out of the glass with flavors of mango, orange blossoms and salted ripe melon, gaining complexity on the palate, with a fleshy, creamy texture and fresh acidity.		SAUVIGNON BLANC Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara Vineyard 2022	93	
		is an intense mix of fragrant orange blossom, Meyer lemon, honeycrisp apple flavors that are fresh and mouthwatering.		
		SAUVIGNON BLANC California 2022	93	\$32
		Wildly refreshing, with fragrant notes leading to juicy, focused flavors		