

MaryAnn Worobiec's Recommended California Sauvignon Blancs

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WINE	SCORE	PRICE	WINE	SCORE	PRICE
MERRY EDWARDS Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley 2022	95	\$50	MARGERUM Sauvignon Blanc Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara Vogelzang Vineyard 2022	93	\$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.			This displays an intense mix of fragrant orange blossom, Meyer lemon, peach and Honeycrisp apple flavors that are fresh and mouthwatering.		
SHARED NOTES Sauvignon Blanc-Sémillon Russian River Valley Les Leçons des Maîtres 2022	95	\$85	MASSICAN Sauvignon Blanc California 2022	93	\$32
Wonderfully vibrant, with a stunning mix of fresh, crisp lime, Asian pear and lemon zest notes, backed by zingy acidity that keeps the flavors fresh and focused, creating a sense of transparency and verve.			Wildly refreshing, with fragrant notes leading to juicy, focused flavors of apple, pear and lemongrass, ending with plenty of intensity.		
APERTURE Sauvignon Blanc Sonoma County 2022	94	\$50	PETER MICHAEL Sauvignon Blanc Knights Valley L'Après-Midi 2021	93	\$70
Powerful and expressive, offering fresh Meyer lemon curd and Key lime pie flavors on a smooth, succulent body, with hints of pineapple and salted melon. Features fresh, juicy acidity, with a long finish.			Mouthwatering and intense, with crystalized ginger, orange blossom and lemon verbena flavors that show serious verve on a sleek frame.		
INK GRADE Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2020	94	\$65	QUINTESSA Sauvignon Blanc Napa-Sonoma Counties Illumination 2022	93	\$60
A distinctive version, with an aromatic swirl of honeysuckle, a whiff of resinous smoke and flavors of grilled peach, revealing touches of marmalade, toasted sesame and mouthwatering salted lime.			This precise white offers details of lemon verbena, litsea oil, pomelo and Himalayan salt, with a juicy finish. Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon.		
ROBERT MONDAVI Fumé Blanc Oakville The Reserve To Kalon Vineyard 2021	94	\$95	DRY CREEK Sauvignon Blanc Dry Creek Valley 2022	92	\$16
Elegant, fragrant and generous, with flavors of grilled pineapple, apricot and mango, plus details of honeysuckle, marmalade and candied ginger. Vivid acidity brings the flavors into bright focus.			A fragrant version, with notes of lemon basil and lemongrass up front, backed by a generous core of pear, peach and lemon-lime flavors.		
RUTHERFORD HILL Sauvignon Blanc Rutherford AJT Collection 2022	94	\$34	EMMOLO Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley Plumerai Reserve 2017	92	\$90 1L
This exuberant white shows notes of passion fruit, Key lime, dried pineapple, orange blossoms and grated ginger. Reveals a hint of sea salt minerality on the long, expressive finish.			A distinctive Sauvignon Blanc, with vivid, mouthwatering acidity and notes of lychee, pineapple and ripe, salted melon on a supple frame.		
SPOTTSWOODE Sauvignon Blanc Napa-Sonoma Counties 2022	94	\$45	GROTH Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2022	92	\$30
Generous, with intense aromatics of honeysuckle, passion fruit and litsea oil up front, followed by preserved lemon, grilled peach, dried pineapple, ginger and mango. The finish is vibrant and expressive.			Effusive and intense, with a mouthwatering quality to the notes of lemon blossoms, pomelo, Honeycrisp apple and candied ginger.		
ST. SUPÉRY Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley Dollarhide Cold Concrete Fermented 2022	94	\$40	ROMBAUER Sauvignon Blanc Sonoma-Napa Counties 2022	92	\$28
Bursting with flavor and personality, this offers lemon meringue, fresh peach and Fuji apple notes on a juicy, succulent frame, while amber aromas and salted lime accents emerge on the long, expressive finish.			Fresh apple, pear and nectarine flavors are mouthwatering and juicy at the core, but there are pretty accents for complexity and length.		
ARKENSTONE Sauvignon Blanc Howell Mountain 2020	93	\$125	RUDD Sauvignon Blanc Mount Veeder Crossroads 2021	92	\$45
Elegant yet powerful, evoking lanolin and beeswax, with yuzu, Meyer lemon and pineapple flavors that show a thread of minerality.			Mouthwatering up front, with pomelo and lemon ice notes that show a hint of ruby grapefruit at the juicy core, backed by a complex finish.		
GAMBLE FAMILY Sauvignon Blanc Yountville Gamble Vineyard 2022	93	\$45	ALPHA OMEGA Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley Carneros Hudson Vineyard 2020	91	\$160
This has a vivid, aromatic mix of honeysuckle, beeswax, mango and passion fruit, finishing with details of candied ginger and litsea oil.			Round and fleshy, offering mango, lemon curd, tangerine and ginger notes, with shiso leaf and lemon verbena hints and a whiff of litsea oil.		
GRIEVE Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley Double Eagle 2021	93	\$50	CLIF FAMILY Sauvignon Blanc Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley 2022	91	\$42
Distinctive, with a fresh note of wintergreen leading to lemon curd, honeysuckle, beeswax, pickled ginger, yuzu and apple on a silky body.			Vibrant and precise, with pineapple, pear and citrus notes, accented by orange blossoms, lemongrass and sea spray minerality.		
GROTH Sauvignon Blanc Oakville Estate 2022	93	\$65	ROCHIOLI Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley 2022	91	\$54
Bursting with tangerine, ruby grapefruit and mango, this is both powerful and elegant, with orange blossom and gardenia accents.			Features wild fennel, white grapefruit and yuzu flavors that are fresh, mouthwatering and focused, ending with a crisp finish.		
KERR Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2022	93	\$40	ALMA DE CATTLEYA Sauvignon Blanc Sonoma County 2022	90	\$25
Vibrant, generous and intense, with notes of honeysuckle, guava, lime sherbet and lemon zest, plus hints of sea salt sprinkled on ripe melon.			This aromatic white stays fresh and focused thanks to sleek acidity, with passion fruit, green apple, lemon zest and makrut lime leaf notes.		
LAIL Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley Blueprint 2022	93	\$60	BRICOLEUR Sauvignon Blanc Fountaingrove District Kick Ranch Vineyard 2021	90	\$40
Stunning, this opens with aromatics of jasmine and lemon blossoms, while the core is loaded with vivid flavors of lime, yuzu and mango.			An elegant version, with yuzu and ginger notes on a light, fresh and lively frame, backed by nuanced hints of lemon sorbet and lime zest.		
			CLOS DU VAL Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2022	90	\$55
			Elegant and precise, offering pear, Fuji apple and tangerine notes that are focused and fresh, with lemon blossom and white pepper accents.		
			HANNA Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley 2022	90	\$24
			Robust and juicy, with pear, ruby grapefruit and apple flavors that mingle with lime sorbet, pear and lemongrass on the refreshing finish.		