

TENOR

2017 Sauvignon Blanc



It isn't unusual to create a 100% Sauvignon Blanc, or to barrel ferment it, or to do it in high percentages of new oak, or even to macerate the grapes. However, doing all of these things and letting the maceration continue for 24-48 hours (much longer than traditionally done) results in a truly unique wine that displays the intensity and depth of character for which Tenor has become known. It also enables us to deliver a Sauvignon Blanc that will age for 6-10 years and still maintain its structure and freshness.

100% barrel fermented and aged in 100% new Stockinger 600Ls. These 45mm thick, extra tight grain Austrian oak staves allow us to continue pushing the envelope of barrel usage. These barrels provide the perfect environment to keep the wine compressed and add the right amount of tannin to maintain freshness and long term ageability. The aromatics and palate impact of eastern European oak tends to be spicy with the level of intensity increasing as you proceed east out of France and eventually ending in Russia where some of the spiciest oak originates. The high phenolic content and acid typical of Stillwater Creek Sauvignon Blanc work perfectly with these barrels.

"Cellar Selection. Barrel fermented and aged in 600 L puncheons, this 100% varietal wine was macerated on skins for over 24 hours. The aromas intrigue, with notes of lemon pith, wet granite, papaya, herb, grapefruit and the underside of a pineapple. The palate is full, almost creamy in feel, redolent with tropical fruit, herb and citrus flavors, carrying some heft. It extends on the finish. A stylistic interpretation of the variety, it should do well with a bit of time in the cellar, drinking best on its third day open. Best after 2020."

-92 points, Sean Sullivan, Wine Enthusiast

SELECT VINEYARD

① Columbia Valley AVA Stillwater Creek Vineyard

Labeled AVA	Columbia valley
Case Production	120
Varietal Breakdown	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Fermentation	100% barrel fermented
Aging	Aged in 100% new Stockinger 600Ls w/ 45mm thick staves
Alcohol	14.7%
Drinkability	Now - 2029
Retail	\$45

