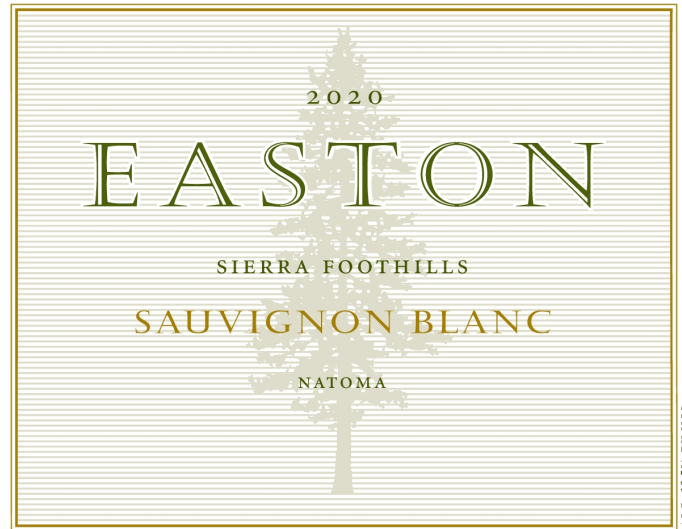


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2022 Easton Sauvignon Blanc “Valley’s Edge Vineyard” - Estate-Grown - Shenandoah Valley

This is a new estate-grown Sauvignon Blanc site owned by Ridge & Amanda Easton. The vineyard was planted in 2013 with a Friuli-Venezia clone R3 of Sauvignon Blanc from the Vivai Cooperativi Rauscedo nursery in Italy. The fruit is from a recently introduced Grave del Friuli clone makes a wine that is highly-aromatic, dry, crisp, and mineral-laden. Our technique of aging on yeast lees gives the wine a slight creaminess.

The Valley’s Edge Vineyard Estate vineyard grows on a granite slab at the Northeast edge of the Shenandoah Valley Appellation. Serve it icy cold as an aperitif or with seafood and fowl.

We cold ferment the grapes in a stainless steel tank at 55°F and then age them for nine months in neutral French oak barrels and stainless steel barrels on lees before bottling in late March the following year. The wine does not undergo malolactic fermentation and therefore retains its delicious crispness. The complex and exotic fruit flavors suggest among other things: key lime, casaba melon, and papaya.

It has neither the excessive herbaceousness of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc nor the creamy richness of some California Sauvignon Blancs that lean towards a Chardonnay profile. It is the perfect foil for all seafood, and totally satisfying as an aperitif.

After a low rainfall Winter in 2022, we harvested a smaller than average-sized crop (50% of normal) with small berries and clusters at about 1.5 tons per acre on August 23 at about 22.5° - 23.5° brix. We whole-cluster pressed the grapes to tank and then stainless steel fermented the juice at 52-55°F for several weeks. The wine was bottled on March 22, 2023 under screw-cap.

13.5% alcohol by vol.; 3.40 pH; 6.3 gm./liter total acidity

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