



2023 Napa Valley Village Sauvignon Blanc

At Matthiasson, our favorite wines are often bright, crisp, and mineral-driven white wines. They are quenching, refreshing, and pair with a wide range of foods. Sometimes the occasion calls for a wine that is meant simply for pleasure and not for overanalyzing or pontificating. Our "Village" label has served as our version of a bistro wine by way of Napa Valley. The goal for these wines is approachability and enjoyment while maintaining the quality inherent in Matthiasson wines. In 2023, we produced a Sauvignon Blanc for our Village label for the first time.

The fruit from the 2023 Village Sauvignon Blanc comes from Ryan's Vineyard, the same vineyard in the Oak Knoll District that we source for our Matthiasson White Wine blend. When assembling the 2023 White Wine blend, we had a surplus of Sauvignon Blanc and decided to craft a Village Sauvignon Blanc. Ryan's vineyard sits on a streak of alluvial gravel in the center of the valley floor in the south part of Napa. It is right in the path of the daily wind current that pulls up through the valley from the San Francisco Bay towards Calistoga. Native grasses are planted under the vines to compete for moisture and nutrients and encourage the roots to forage down deep in the gravelly soil.

The wine was fermented in neutral French oak barrels without any battonage and aged sur lies for seven months. Malolactic fermentation is blocked. The sur lies aging gives the wine just enough flesh and texture to balance the bright acidity without detracting from the citrus high tones and bracing minerality. This wine works equally well with grand plateau seafood towers as it does with impromptu picnics and simple, weekday dinners.

Alcohol is 12.5 %, TA is 6.8 g/l, pH is 3.28. 227 cases produced.