



CYMBAL

2023 CYMBAL SAUVIGNON BLANC COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES:

Intensely aromatic, with expressive layers of lemongrass, passion fruit and honeysuckle. Bright and balanced, showing lively acidity on the palate, with delicious ripe kiwi, mango and white nectarine flavors stretching across a lasting finish.

VINTAGE:

The 2023 vintage was characterized by low yields, producing high-quality, intensely flavored wines. Spring's cool temperatures delayed bud break by 2-3 weeks, but a sudden May heatwave spurred growth. July and much of August saw consistent warmth, aiding grape maturation. However, veraison was slow, necessitating careful canopy management to ensure even ripening. A short, intense heatwave in late August led to an unusually early start to harvest, but by mid-September, the Columbia Valley settled into its classic fall pattern of warm days and cool nights that preserved the grapes' acidity while developing optimal flavor. Temperatures stretched into late October, providing the extra hang time the grapes needed to finish ripening and develop full physiological maturity.

BLEND: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

ALC.: 14.2%

pH: 3.15

TA: 0.66 grams/100ml

PRODUCTION: 2,182 cases



WINEMAKING:

Handpicked grapes were gently whole cluster pressed to ensure bright aromatics. After settling for 2-3 days, the juice was moved to one of four fermentation vessels, where it remained for six months before blending. A cement egg and stainless-steel tanks were used to preserve the wine's liveliness and minerality. Neutral French oak barrels allowed the aromatics to develop fully, and new French oak (25%) was used to enhance texture and richness, while lifting fruit flavors across the mid-palate.

VINEYARDS:

The 2023 Cymbal Sauvignon Blanc combines four distinct vineyards to create a layered, complex wine. McNary Vineyard, overlooking the Columbia River in the Horse Heaven Hills, grows Sauvignon Blanc that balances richness and vibrancy. Gamache and Boushey Vineyards deliver the wine's beautiful acidity, along with citrus, lemongrass and kumquat aromas and flavors. Bacchus Vineyard, a warmer site planted in 1972, lends ripe passion fruit character to the finished blend.