
BRAVE & MAIDEN

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TECHNICAL NOTES

2020 SAUVIGNON BLANC

Pale straw, the nose is vibrant with floral notes like citrus blossom, honeysuckle and jasmine. Suave on the palate, peach and gooseberry combined with a smooth acidity are seamlessly integrated from start to finish.

VITICULTURE	<i>AVA</i>	Los Olivos District, Santa Ynez Valley
	<i>Year(s) Planted</i>	2011
	<i>Clone(s)</i>	01
	<i>Harvest Date(s)</i>	2nd of September
	<i>Vintage Notes</i>	2020 was a hot vintage marked by heat waves and uncontrollable wildfires across California. Surprisingly, moderate daytime temperatures and cool nights dominated the beginning of the year, with even a few strong winter rain episodes that were helpful in supplying the soil and plants with water. A couple of hot days occurred at the end of May and helped the fruit set and the vegetative growth of the vine. Summer was overall pretty warm. A week of extreme heat (above 100 degrees) in mid-September pushed the sugars up ahead of the full grape maturity. Berry size was normal to small and crop levels were low. Concentrated flavors and solid tannins showcase a 'solar vintage' with a really good aging potential.
WINEMAKING	<i>Description</i>	Whole cluster pressed and settled overnight. Chilled to 55 degrees and then fermented and aged in 100 % french oak, 19% new and stainless steel Malolactic fermentation was inhibited to keep the freshness of the wine intact.
	<i>Alcohol</i>	13%
	<i>pH</i>	3.34
	<i>Total Acid</i>	0.72 mg/100mL
	<i>Residual Sugar</i>	none
	<i>Bottle Date</i>	29th of April 2021
RELEASE	<i>Cases</i>	161
	<i>Release Date</i>	June 2021
	<i>SRP</i>	\$30