

# JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

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## *Sauvignon Blanc*

NAPA VALLEY

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### *2023 Vintage*



**TASTING NOTES** The 2023 Sauvignon Blanc offers vibrant and refreshing aromas of lime rind and Meyer lemon, complemented by a subtle salinity and white floral notes. On the palate, it presents a lively mix of tangerine and grapefruit, enriched by a creamy texture from delicate oak influence. The wine boasts a great midpalate, with lingering acidity and a hint of minerality, delivering a well-balanced and complex experience with excellent length.

**GROWING SEASON** The 2023 Napa Valley vintage is distinguished by an unusually long growing season, resulting in fruit of exceptional quality. After a season marked by above-average rainfall and a cool spring, mild summer temperatures supported optimal vine growth and fruit development. This extended hang time allowed for a slow, balanced ripening process, enhancing the fruit's purity, elegance, and balance. The resulting wines are vibrant, with fresh fruit flavors, soft tannins, and impressive color and density. The 2023 vintage is expected to be highly regarded for its elegance and potential for long-term aging, promising complex and enjoyable wines for decades.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

##### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

100% *Sauvignon Blanc* (*Sauvignon Musque* clone)

##### VINEYARD SELECTIONS

100% estate fruit from our Home Ranch Vineyard in St. Helena AVA.

##### BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for ten months in 35% new French oak puncheons and cigar barrels and 65% neutral French oak puncheons.